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## COTTON INDUSTRY RUPTURE.

## CONFERENCE ENDS IN DEADLOCK.

## OPERATIVES NOT SATISFIED OF BONA FIDES.

## OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

London, Mar. 5.  
The joint Cotton Conference which opened at Manchester in most favourable circumstances by the definite withdrawal by the employers of the wages and hours recommendations, and the suggestion of the establishment of a joint committee of enquiry to investigate finance, taxation, hours, wages and trade union restrictions, finishing charges, marketing and shipping, has ended in complete rupture on the terms of reference enumerated.

New Complication.  
Since the last meeting, a fresh complication had arisen in consequence of a suggestion by the cotton-spinners proposing a ballot on the American suggestion relating to the question of reverting to organised short-time.

It was thought that a tentative motion was likely to be raised in this connexion, although it was stated that the employers had not yet decided on definite steps.

Breakdown on Other Point.  
The break, however, came on the question of the proposed enquiry. The operatives agreed to participate in the joint enquiry, with an independent Chairman, if the terms of reference were revised to the extent of allowing each side the assistance of a competent accountant and statistician.

The employers' reply to this was that the terms of reference were wide enough, and that an independent Chairman was quite unnecessary.

Employers Disagree.

The masters were of opinion that both sides were fully competent to deal with any question likely to be submitted to the enquiry without the assistance of an outside professional man.

It was then contended, for the operatives, that they were not satisfied that the employers really intended to have a full enquiry.

Afterwards they declared that the responsibility for the breakdown rested entirely with the employers.—*Reuter*.

## AMERICA'S "AMICABLE MEDIATION."

## NICARAGUAN LIBERALS DROP GEN. SANDINO.

Managua, Mar. 5.  
The Liberals have completely disengaged General Sandino, their former ally against the Conservatives, by the publication of a programme supporting General Mandado for the Presidency. The election takes place in October.

The Liberals have pledged themselves to devote their attention to rebuilding the nation, declaring that they "accept with pleasure the amicable mediation of the United States to decide our political differences."—*Reuter's American Service*.

## LEADERS DESERTING THE I. L. P.

## MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD AFTER MR. SNOWDEN.

London, Mar. 5.  
Following Mr. Philip Snowden's breakaway from the Independent Labour Party shortly after Christmas, when he declared that the I. L. P. was no longer warranted as an organisation separate and distinct from the Labour Party, it is now announced that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has not accepted nomination in the forthcoming election for the four members of the National Administrative Council of the I. L. P.—*Reuter*.

## SIR MILES LAMPSON INTERVIEWED.

## UNDENIABLY BETTER FEELING TOWARDS BRITAIN.

## GENUINE SURPRISE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 6.  
Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, in an interview, dwelt on the changed Southern attitude to Great Britain, remarking that the Canton outlook was better than it had been for a great many years.

The South was beginning to settle down, hysteria was disappearing, and the population was following peaceful ways almost as though peace had been the normal lot of South China since the beginning.

Sir Miles said he was genuinely surprised to observe the signs of improvement everywhere. Business was making a rapid recovery after the depression of recent years.

The British Minister also alluded to the demonstration of friendship and cordiality which marked his receptions in both the official and the commercial world, declaring that they were undeniable proof of the better feeling developing in the South of China towards Britain.

Sir Miles Lampson is gratified at the success of his tour of Nationalist territory.

## NANKING EMISSARY IN PEKING.

## CUSTOMS DISCUSSIONS THE DESIGN?

## FACTION AGREEMENT?

Peking, Mar. 5.

According to reliable Chinese sources, Mr. Cheng Hung-nien, the Vice-Minister of Finance to the Nationalist Government at Nanking, arrived at Peking to-day quietly.

Formerly, Mr. Cheng, worked with Mr. Liang Shih-yi, and in view of the latter's recent appointment as Director of the Revenue Council, concurrently with his post as Minister of Finance, it is believed that Cheng has come to discuss Customs questions, with particular stress on the possibility of an agreement between the North and South in connexion therewith.—*Reuter*.

The Nationalist Government recently declined to discuss with Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, the acting Inspector-General, the question of an agreement with Peking as regards Customs tariffs, Mr. T. V. Soong stating that the proposals for a Customs Conference were left in abeyance.

## ALCANTARA DISASTER SEQUEL.

## RUSSIANS TO BE PUNISHED IF FACTS AGAINST THEM.

Moscow, Mar. 5.

The President of the Sovtovflot, or the Soviet Merchant Marine, has issued a statement relating to the collision between the Italian s.s. Alcantara, and the Russian barque Tovarisch, when the former vessel was lost with only one survivor.

If the detailed report of the master of the Tovarisch, when received by the Sovtovflot, shows that the Russian officers were guilty of an infringement of international life-saving customs, they will be severely punished.—*Reuter*.

## ENGLISH CUP DRAW.

The draw for the semi-final round of the English Cup will be found on Page 8 of this issue. Huddersfield meet Sheffield United, and the Arsenal are drawn against Blackburn Rovers. (Continued on Page 14.)

## RUBBER CONTROL PROBLEM.

## THE PRIME MINISTER'S ASSURANCE.

## WANTS TO SEE A PROSPEROUS INDUSTRY.

## STRAITS OPPOSITION.

London, Mar. 5.  
In the House of Commons, the Premier was asked if an arrangement could be made for the Committee of enquiry into the question of rubber restriction to make an interim report at the earliest possible moment, and so help to allay the anxiety now felt in the rubber industry.

The Premier gave an assurance that the sole object of the Government was the development and prosperity of the rubber industry, and therefore the time and manner of any announcement would be such as would conduce to that end.—*British Wireless*.

A Singapore Suggestion.

That a Malayan committee should be appointed to put forward the case for rubber restriction during the period of the Home Government's enquiry, and that the policy should be continued whether Dutch co-operation can be obtained or not, were the main points emphasised by Mr. J. W. Campbell, a past president of the Planters' Association of Malaya, the present chairman of the Incorporated Society of Planters, and one of the leading visiting agents in the country, in an interview with a *Strait Times* representative last week.

On the question of Malayan opinion being sounded by the investigating committee, Mr. Campbell expressed the hope that Sir Hugh Clifford would do what lay in his power to see that the views of rubber interests in this country were properly ventilated at Home and made available to the committee.

He also threw out the suggestion that a committee should be formed to collect data and generally present the case for the restriction policy from Malaya. He thought that Mr. J. Baillie, Mr. J. S. M. Rennie, Mr. F. C. Peck, Mr. J. S. Arter (Chairman of the P. A. M.), and Mr. Egmont Hale would form a very strong committee, and he remarked that he very much admired the way in which Mr. Rennie was fighting the battle for restriction in Singapore. The initiative in forming such a committee should be taken by the local Producers' Association, Mr. Campbell thought, and such a step would be of great value at the present juncture.

Attitude of the Planters.

Discussing a suggestion that planting opinion in Malaya was getting lukewarm about restriction, Mr. Campbell said that the revision of assessments had upset a good many people, but he did not know that this had actually turned any planters against restriction. There was a sort of growing feeling that the restriction machinery was so slow in acting that Malaya was rather playing into the hands of the Dutch, inasmuch as the British were maintaining high prices for the Dutch and allowing them to plant up additional areas, especially native holdings. He thought that that revision was a mistake, partly because it created a feeling of unrest and suspicion regarding restriction, and partly because it was based on a false standard of tapping.

Mr. Campbell expressed himself as an upholder of restriction, with or without the Dutch, but he agreed that further endeavours to obtain Dutch co-operation were extremely desirable, if only for the immediate moral effect which successful negotiations would produce, apart from the practical results. He condemned the argument that the law of supply and demand should be allowed to operate in the rubber industry as a bogey which ought to be finally disposed of.

Rubber at Sixpence a Pound.

"If restriction were taken off tomorrow," he said, "I should not be surprised to see rubber drop to 6d. a pound." (Continued on Page 14.)

## SERIOUS ACTION OF IBN SAUD.

## WAR POSSIBILITIES IN IRAK DEVELOPING.

## BRITISH PREPARED.

Basra, Mar. 5.  
Messengers from Kuwait state the Sheikh Ibn Saud has informed the chief leaders of the Nejd tribes that he has now decided, like them, the sword is the only means of restoring to Islam, the infidels of Kuwait, Irak, and Transjordan.

He states that he is ready to assist the tribes with rifles, ammunition, food and everything in his power.—*Reuter*.

Lieut. Col. L.M.C.S. Amery, in the House of Commons to-day, announced that the Government had furnished Ibn Saud with prior information as regards the British action to repel the raiders in Irak.—*Reuter*.

British Most Careful.

London, Mar. 5.  
Mr. Amery stated the Government had been most careful to furnish Ibn Saud with information regarding the British action for repelling raiders in Irak.

The note presented by the German Consul General declares that the Germans were not responsible for the recent arms shipments and munitions especially, the Czechoslovak steamer Praga which touched at Manila recently, and was, it was alleged, conveyed from that port by a Japanese war vessel in order to prevent its seizure by a Nationalist Government warship.

Not German Manufacture.

The German Consul General declares that the arms aboard the Praga were manufactured in Czechoslovakia and insured with certain well-known British insurance companies in London.

He was satisfied that the British Air Force had done, and was doing, all that was possible to repel the raids on the Southern frontier of Irak, and he was quite sure the raiders would ultimately learn that they could not penetrate into Irak territory and indulge in wanton damage and massacre of men, women and children.

The Colonial Office states there is no foundation whatever for the report that has appeared in the Press to the effect that troops are being sent from India in connection with the Wahabi troubles.—*British Wireless*.

## LORD SINHA'S DEATH.

## GREAT STATESMAN, LAWYER AND ADMINISTRATOR.

London, Mar. 5.

Lord Birkenhead, the Secretary for India, has sent the Governor of Bengal, the following message of sympathy with the family of the late Lord Sinha. The newspapers report the death of Lord Sinha. Please convey to his family the expression of my sincere sympathy. By his great ability, industry and sound judgment Lord Sinha achieved for himself, a position both as a lawyer and administrator, such as no Indian had held before, and he used it for the benefit of his country. In the sphere of politics his single-minded purpose and high ideals coupled with a sober appreciation of realities, assure him a place in the foremost rank of Indian statesmen.—*British Wireless*.

Praga Again at Manila.

Manila, Mar. 2.

The s.s. Praga is back in Manila, its cargo of 90,000 rifles for Marshal Chang Tao-ku, Manchurian war-lord, delivered.

The captain, Herr Carl Jeschke, is said to be richer by about \$20,000 (gold) as reward for his efforts in delivering the consignment in face of huge obstacles.

The under-officers and crew are almost slyly broke.

Crew Disgruntled.

The crew is still disgruntled and inclined to wonder just what happened to the extra bonus they were going to get for taking the risk of running into Nationalist gunboats, reported to be out searching for them, after they left Manila for Chinwangtow, a month ago.

Reports regarding the amount of money received as tip from Marshal Chang Tao-ku by Captain Jeschke vary, but certain members of the crew stated yesterday that they saw an exchange of cash between one of the Manchurian general ranking officers and the captain and that the amount reported by the Chinese was \$20,000.

The trip from Manila to China was made without mishap, according to the men. Captain Jeschke took the course he had originally mapped out and steamed straight through the Formosa Straits.

The Nationalists, believing that the Praga would take a course around Formosa and pass the Straits, dispatched their gunboats from Shanghai accordingly.

Fooled Nationalists.

"The Chinese misled us completely," one of the men said yesterday. In relating the story, Captain Jeschke simply foiled them and did exactly what they thought he wouldn't do.

"We did get a lucky break. The Nationalists learned that we were in the Straits giving our gunboats the slip. Another boat was sent out. A heavy fog which lasted for almost two days aided us in

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Tokyo, Mar. 6.  
The Emperor, although still confined to his bed, has nearly recovered from his indisposition. The condition of Princess Hisako has not improved and is causing anxiety.—*Reuter*.

## ROYAL PATIENTS.

## JAPANESE PRINCESS IS STILL ILL.

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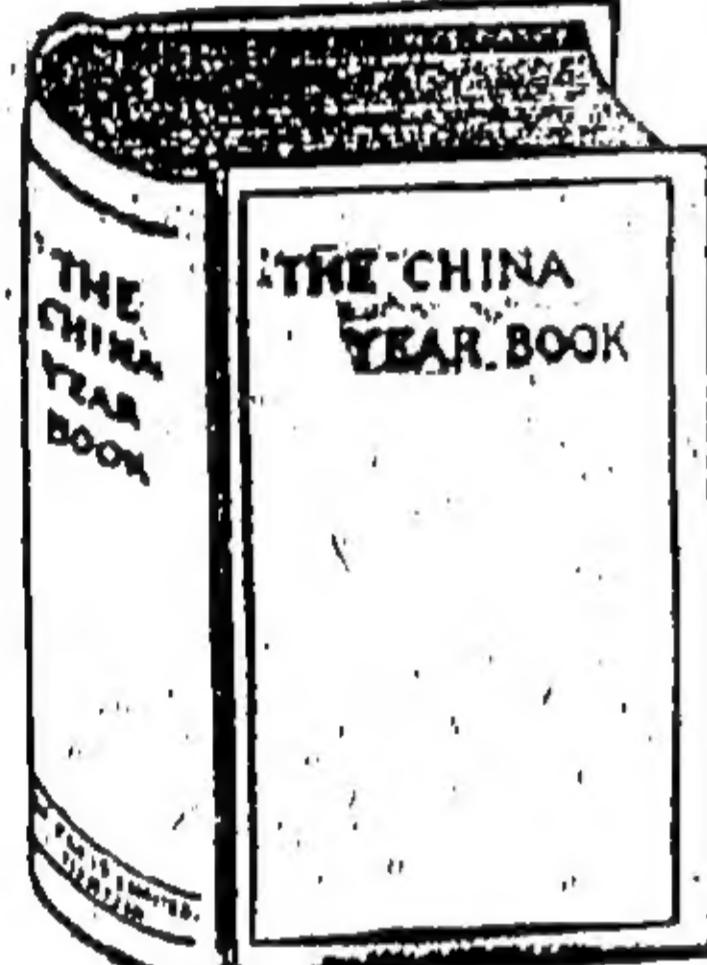
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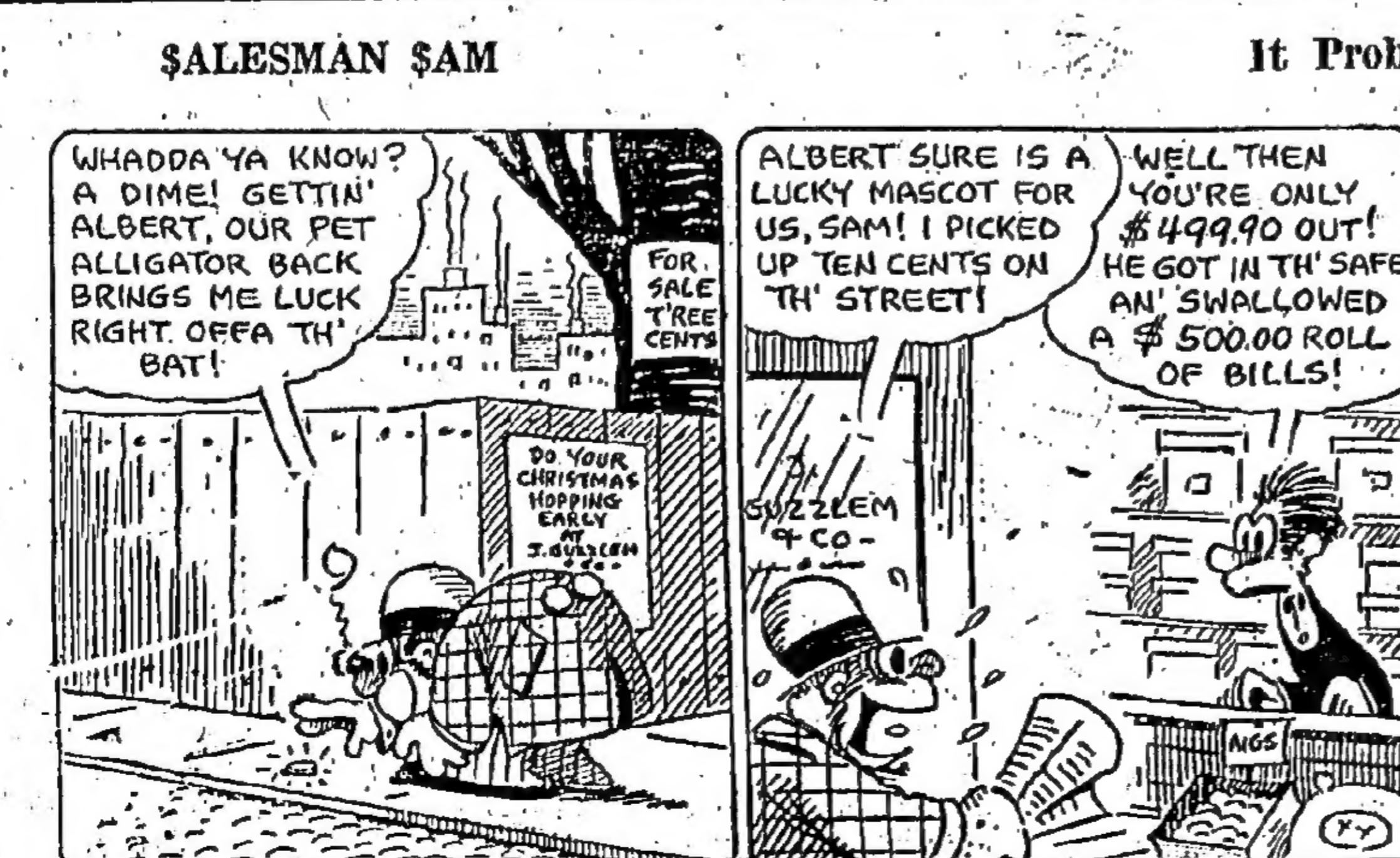
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## CINEMA V. PRESS.

EXTENT OF INFLUENCE  
DEBATED.

The motion that the Cinema exerts a greater influence than the Press, which was the subject of a debate at St. Peter's Young Men's Club last night was defeated by 17 votes to 15.

The proposer of the motion, Mr. P. Sande discovered another common link with the monkey in the trail of mimicry, which led us to imitate the actions and dress worn by people on the screen as a result of the vivid impressions derived from the silver sheet. That notorious individual described as "the man in the street" was really the average human being who was susceptible to the influence of the Cinema, and whose opinion was the public opinion formed through that agency. Later, in decrying the power of the Press, Mr. Sande attacked its commercialism and its inaccuracies.

Rev. Mr. H. G. Hughes in opposing the motion referred to the Press as being the fourth estate, so firmly had it established itself as a necessary institution in public life, and in those things which mattered, as for instance politics and economics. He strongly condemned the Cinema for its unscrupulousness, saying that a cinema palace is a world of unrealities comparable to the "pub," saloon or opium den where people dosed themselves into a state of coma, in the pursuit of forgetfulness. He pointed to the Press as being an instrument of propaganda, one guiding public opinion during the late war.

In conclusion, he appealed for support from those discriminating members of the audience who exercise to their intelligence in the pursuit of the sober facts of life as reflected in a news paper.

Other protagonists of the Press were Miss W. Faid and Mr. A. E. Lee, while a number also spoke for the cause of the picture "fan."

The motion was eventually defeated by a narrow majority.

way carriage.

A Three Week Trip.

It took us three weeks to make the journey from Tashkent to Moscow, as our car was side-tracked at each station for periods ranging from three hours to three days. At several places we experienced considerable difficulty in crossing the rivers where bridges had been blown up and rails placed across the ice. At one place our train was the last successfully to negotiate an improvised bridge of ties under which the ice was rapidly melting.

In travelling from Tashkent to Petrograd in the costume of a proletarian, with a companion similarly dressed who spoke Russian fluently, every opportunity was taken, at small villages and in the larger towns—at each of which we stopped a number of hours or days—to mingle freely with the people and to learn their views. We crossed a part of Russia which had not been visited by people from the outside world for many months and saw actual conditions when there was no temptation to make things appear different for our benefit.

A Happy Privilege.

In conclusion I desire again to emphasize that I consider it a most happy privilege to have been associated with this splendid British officer. Naturally for many months after I left Russia I was much concerned over his welfare and it was not only with relief but with a deep sense of gratitude to the British Foreign Office when a cable was received from it in January 1919 by my own Secretary of State. This message read: "Please inform Tredwell that his friend Major Bailey has escaped into Persia." This extremely thoughtful and gracious act is one which never can be forgotten.

## HE WHO RUNS CANNOT READ.

That the newspaper is a better medium for advertising than the poster or hoarding was one of the points made in an address to the Leeds Publicity Club by Mr. W. Buchanan Taylor, publicity manager to J. Lyons and Co., Ltd., the great London catering firm.

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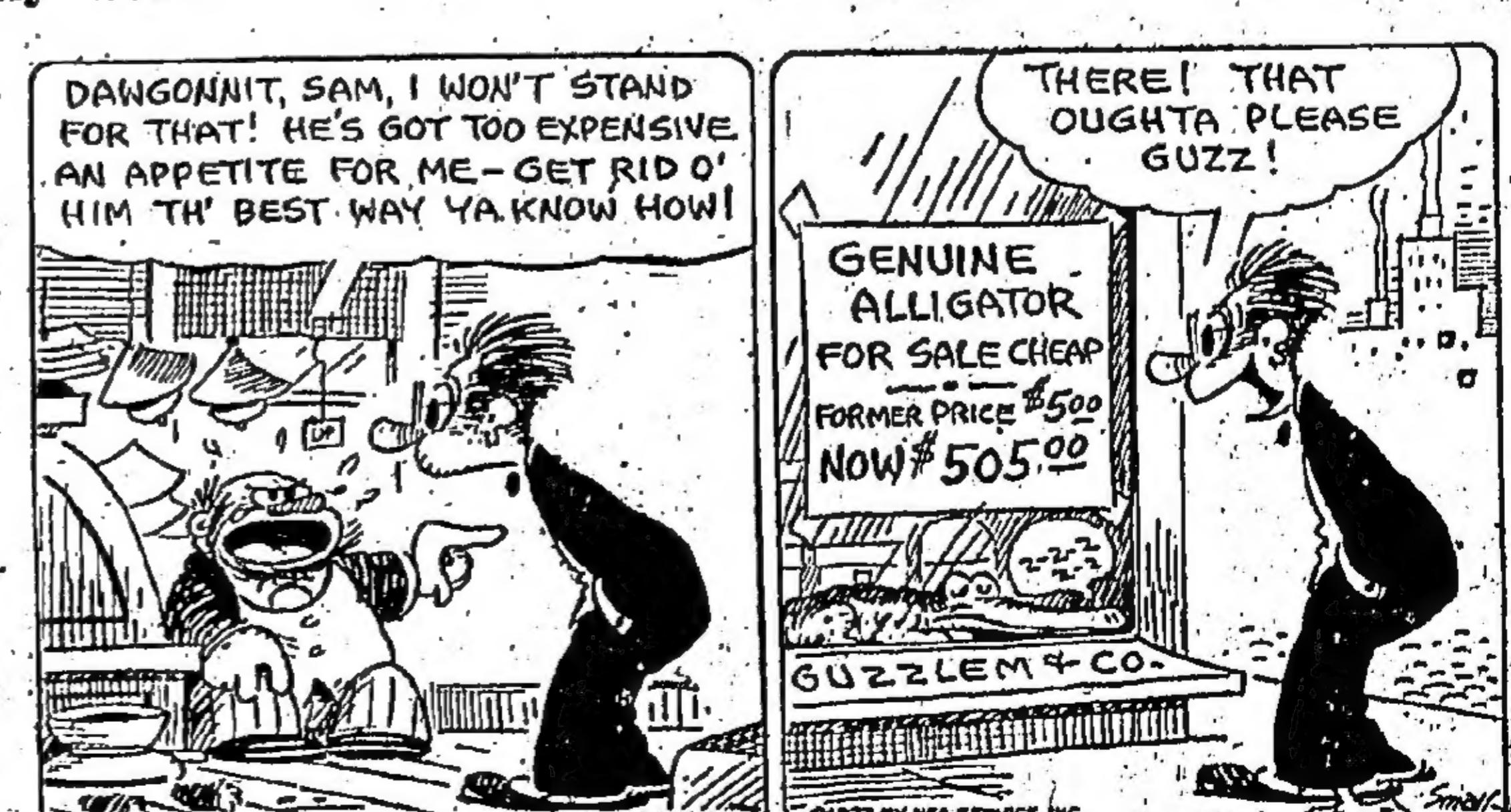
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A striking impression of the field taking the last hurdles in the Weyhill Handicap Race at Newbury recently. Flashing Light, the winner (K. Pigott up), and Kepi Amarante, second (G. Duller up), near camera, are seen landing together, closely followed by Expert, third (A. Smyth up), and Lagoon (Scott up). (Times copyright).

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY, the 9th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Office and Household Furniture, Comprising:

Teak Cupboards, Filing Cabinets, Desks, Hatstand with Mirror, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Silver Cabinet, Leather Covered Chairs, Egyptian Carpets and Rugs, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Ornaments, China Wares, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables and Chairs, Sideboards with Mirrors, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chest, Dinner Service, Glass Wares, Cooking Utensils, Cutlery, etc., etc.

Brass, Iron and Teak Bedsteads with Mattresses, Wardrobes with and without Mirror, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Toilet Sets, Side Tables, Chamber Stands, etc., etc.

also

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1 Sewing Machine.

1 Piano by John Broadwood and Sons.

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Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1928.

REVISED DATES OF EXTRA MEETINGS 1928.

17th March.

7th and 9th April.

5th May.

26th and 28th May.

6th and 8th October.

10th November.

1st December.

By Order:

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

If the Marine Boiler left on Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 by See To Ming is not claimed and removed within fourteen (14) days, same will be sold to defray expenses.

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1928.

### NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorized dealers of this Company for Hongkong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

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NOTICE is hereby given that WALLACE HARPER & CO., LTD. have been appointed our authorised dealers for Hongkong and South China as from the 1st day of February, 1928.

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The Forty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd March, 1928 to 15th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,

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One of the commonest causes of poor health and unsatisfactory development in little children is the presence of worms. These worms live at the expense of the child, absorbing nourishment which should be his. Once they have been got rid of improvement almost immediately becomes apparent and the little one speedily gains in spirit, colour and weight.

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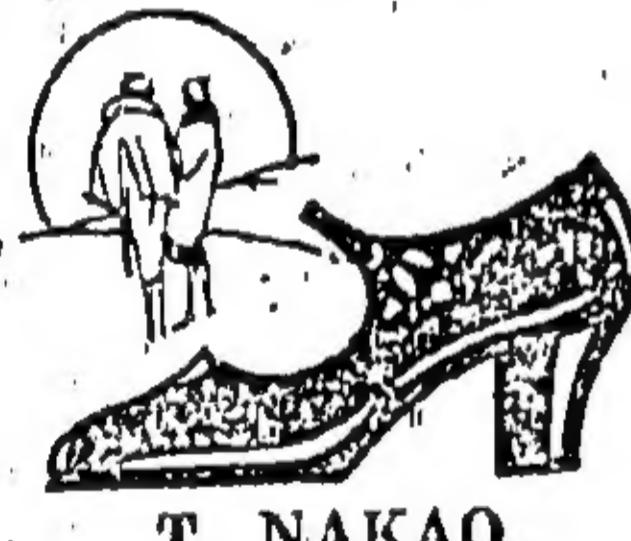
Guaranteed entirely free from narcotics or other injurious drugs, Baby's Own Tablets can be given with perfect safety to infants from birth onwards as a remedy for indigestion, constipation, colic, 'wind,' teething troubles, also to check diarrhoea and relieve cramp and colds. Chemists sell them or post free, 50 cents the vial, from the Dr. Willmott's Medicine Co., 60, Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

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	{ Hello Cutie
4711	{ Charminac
	{ C'est Vous
4659	{ Hallelujah
	{ Gonna Get a Girl
4715	{ Me and My Shadow
	{ In a Street
4615	{ Ain't She Sweet
	Dreaming of Brown Eyes
4761	{ Here am I Broken-hearted
	Magnolia
0179	{ Girl Friend
	Blue Room
0180	{ Dancing Tambourine
	Barbara
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## WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

## WARNING TO THOSE WITH MOVIE AMBITIONS.

If you have movie ambitions get rid of them. That's the best advice one can offer after looking over some statistics just compiled by the Central Casting Bureau, official suppliers of extra talent.

The figures dug up during the last six months prove one thing about Hollywood—it is the best place in the world to starve. Only one extra of either sex, Ruth Hurst, worked six days a week. And there are more than 11,000 registered extras here. One other girl has averaged five days a week during the last six months. Eight girls averaged four days a week and 21 averaged three days work. The other 6000 work only at intervals.

The men have fared slightly, very slightly better. Of the 6000 here, two have worked five days a week over a period of six months. Twenty got in four days a week and 36 averaged three days. The other 6000 work only at intervals.

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WOMAN'S WORLD  
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## Passe-partout.

## EASY WORK FOR AMATEURS.

From a binding that had the frank appearance of stiff paper, the manufacturers of this popular picture framing medium have improved it beyond recognition, so that now they imitate leather, or wood, silver or gilt, just as may be required. Passe-partout, nowadays recognised as a simple, yet artistic, method of framing, has a beginning amongst French artists who, too hard up to frame their pictures, pasted them around with strips of brown or black paper.

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## Colour Schemes.

Even though some thousands of extras are on the verge of starvation, this seems to be a lucrative season for the kids. Out on the Hal Roach lot nearly all the members of "Our Gang" are blossoming out in new cars. Jackie Condon, Joe Cobb, Farina and Jay Smith are all proud possessors of new sedans.

Because Gene Tunney retained his world's heavyweight title in his recent battle against Jack Dempsey, Tom Mix was forced to carry big Tom Kennedy several blocks up Hollywood boulevard on his back. When Dempsey arrived home he found a photo of Mix with his human load inscribed: "To Jack Dempsey, an undeniable proof of my friendship—Tom Mix."

Just before he returned to Los Angeles after his fight, Jack Dempsey was offered the mayoralty of Romola, a new town in the Salt River Valley section of Arizona near Phoenix. The proposition offered the former champ a \$10,000 yearly salary and a ten-acre grapefruit grove. Jack hasn't made any reply yet. But I'm betting he will never get that far from Hollywood to live.

Now that Sam Taylor is all through directing Mary Pickford in "My Best Girl," he has a really important job which needs attention. Sam has gone to Del Monte, about 300 miles from here, and announced that he is going to stay until he breaks a hundred on the golf links.

## GIRL'S PLUCK IN SEA TRAGEDY.

Malta, Feb. 1.

The crew of H.M.S. Vimiera are full of praise for the heroic conduct of Miss Monk Mason, the 14-year-old daughter of the British Consul at Constanza and a passenger on board the Italian oil tanker Antares when the latter came into collision with H.M.S. Caledon in the Doro Channel on January 20.

Witnesses state that the tanker was abandoned in panic by her crew, the steward lost his life in trying to jump on board the Vimiera, and the captain boarded H.M.S. Ceres.

Meanwhile the chief officer, who was fatally injured, lay groaning with pain in his cabin, which had received the full force of the collision. Miss Mason, the only person left on board, heard the cries and rushed to the cabin and stood by the chief officer until he died.

## Spring Clothes.

## PALE YELLOW THE COMING HUE.

When we think of spring clothes we think first of all of spring colours.

You may think it odd that we should know what colours are going to be worn before we know

## For the Spring.



This delightful walking suit is materialised in pearl grey face cloth. The skirt is pleated at the sides only, and the coat is cut with a semi-fitting back. Vest, buttonhole and hat are in pink chiffon.

very much about the cut and outlines of the new clothes—but it isn't. You see, all the new materials have been ready for weeks, even months, and it is pretty well known which the great dressmakers have chosen and ordered, but how they will cut and arrange them—that is another story!

What we know already is that colours are "colder." They tend towards blue and green, very much towards grey, and quite away from reds and browns. The great powers are determined to get away from the eternal beige-and-brown, which has enslaved us for the last two or three years. Navy and lighter blues will be in high favour, especially combined with grey and worn with grey shoes, gloves and hand-bag. Pale yellow is also a "coming" colour, and is fancied as the favourite for this summer. Green is good if it is a light grey-green, and black and white will still be very "tight," used either alone or together.

You'd think we'd be glad to pull off our little skin-tight hats when evening comes, and let our shingles breathe awhile, so to speak—but not a bit of it! Our latest idea is to have an evening headress, of gold or silver lame, as flat and

## Obscure Pains.

## CULTURE OF THE FOOT.

The moral of the culture of the foot is really more far-reaching than might at first sight appear written a Medevil correspondent in the *Daily Chronicle*. The foot being the foundation upon which man depends for his erect posture and rapid locomotion, it follows that the whole of the superstructure will become modified if the foundations fail in any particular.

A badly-shaped chest is admittedly an invitation to tuberculosis. Apart altogether from such a dramatic instance it is well to remember that an organ, such as the liver or the stomach, which is faultily placed in relation to the bony skeleton, is thereby seriously handicapped in the performance of its work. And yet, if a chronic dyspeptic is informed that his abdominal sufferings are due to his feet he is liable, like Naaman the Assyrian of old, to go away in a rage.

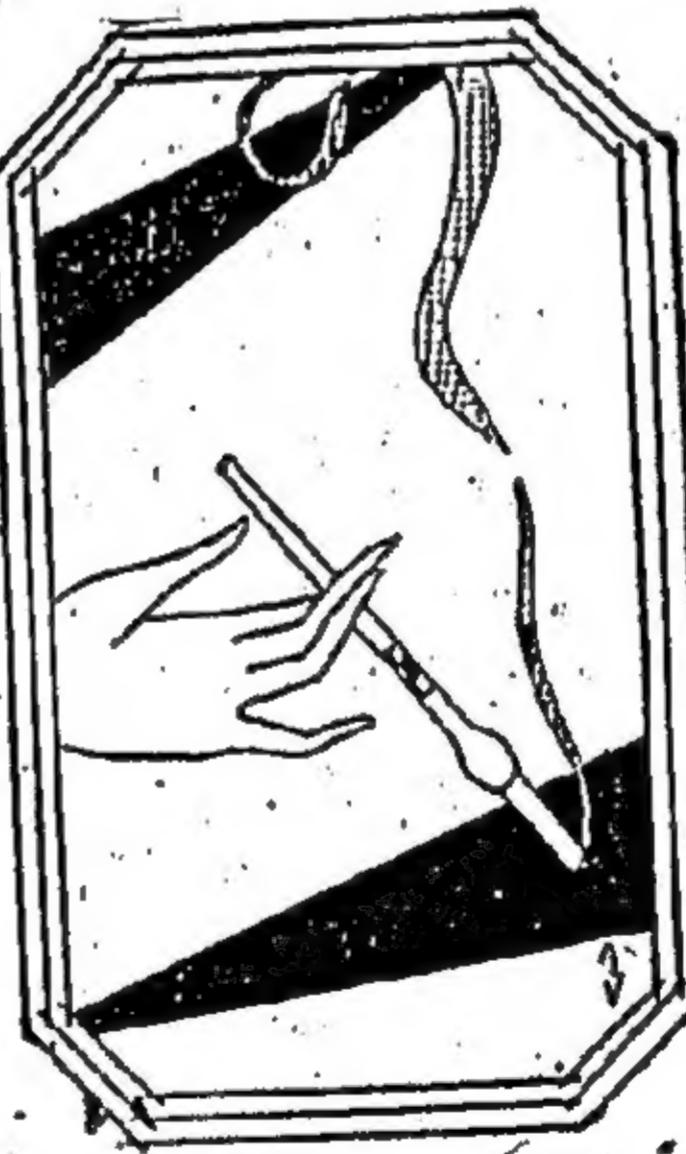
Bad architecture of the lower extremities is, nevertheless, a frequent cause not only of dyspepsia, constipation and other abdominal troubles, but even more frequently of obscure pains and aches described as rheumatism, neuralgia or whatnot.

The man who said that "flat foot can be so distracting as to preclude the possibility of mental concentration" did not exaggerate, but the distracting factor, although it derived primarily from the feet, produced its effects in the nervous system, which it reached via the vertebral column.

In those who are still young enough to counter an existing or threatened foot deformity the obvious course is to cast all foot-wear as soon as they enter the house and to walk about on tiptoe as much as they can as soon as their shoes are off.

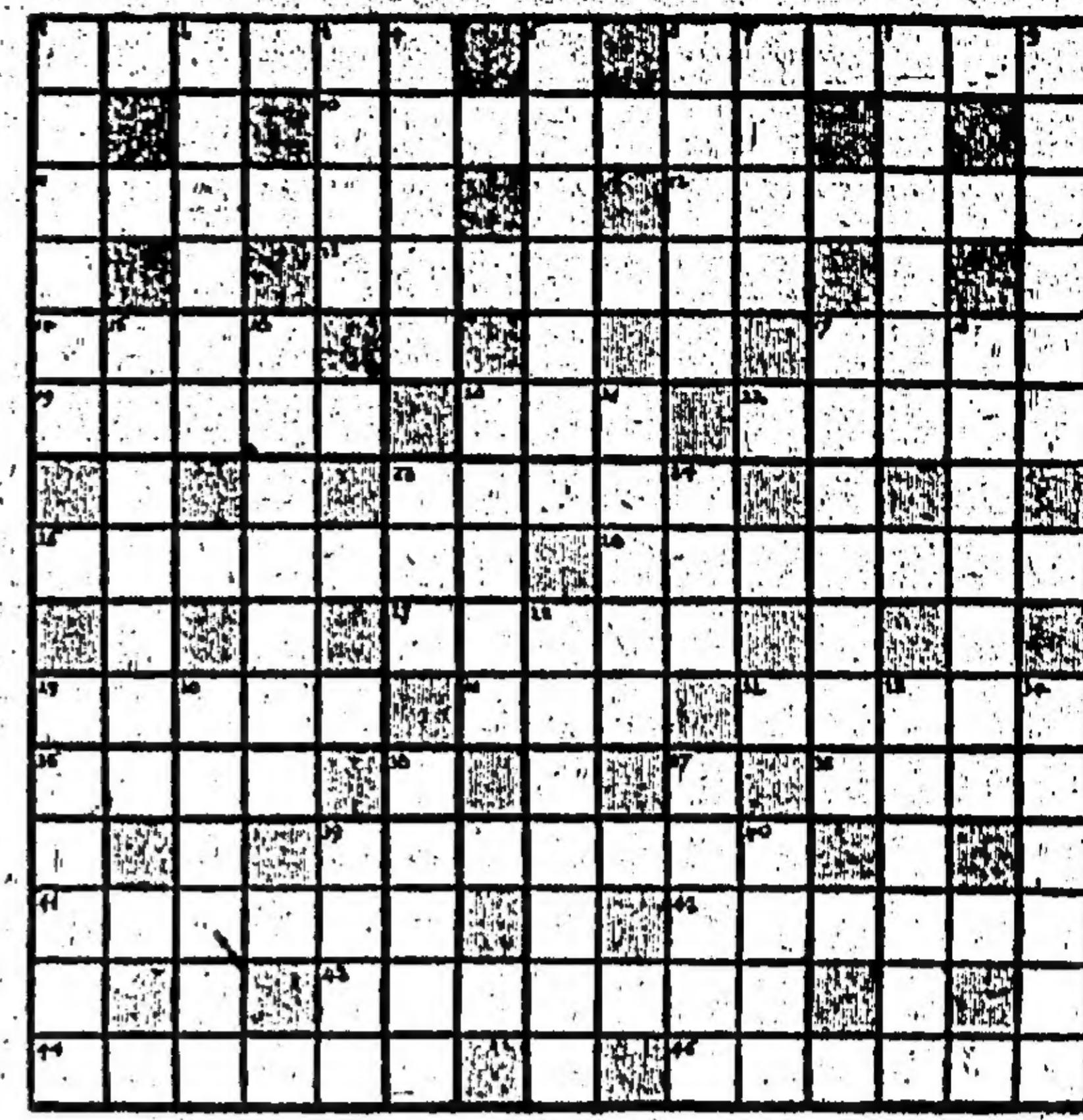
tight as any felt "mephisto," and outlining the head in just the same way. Sometimes they are made of tinsel-net, but always they are studded with strass or diamante, and never do they show a single scrap of hair!

## Checked Holders.



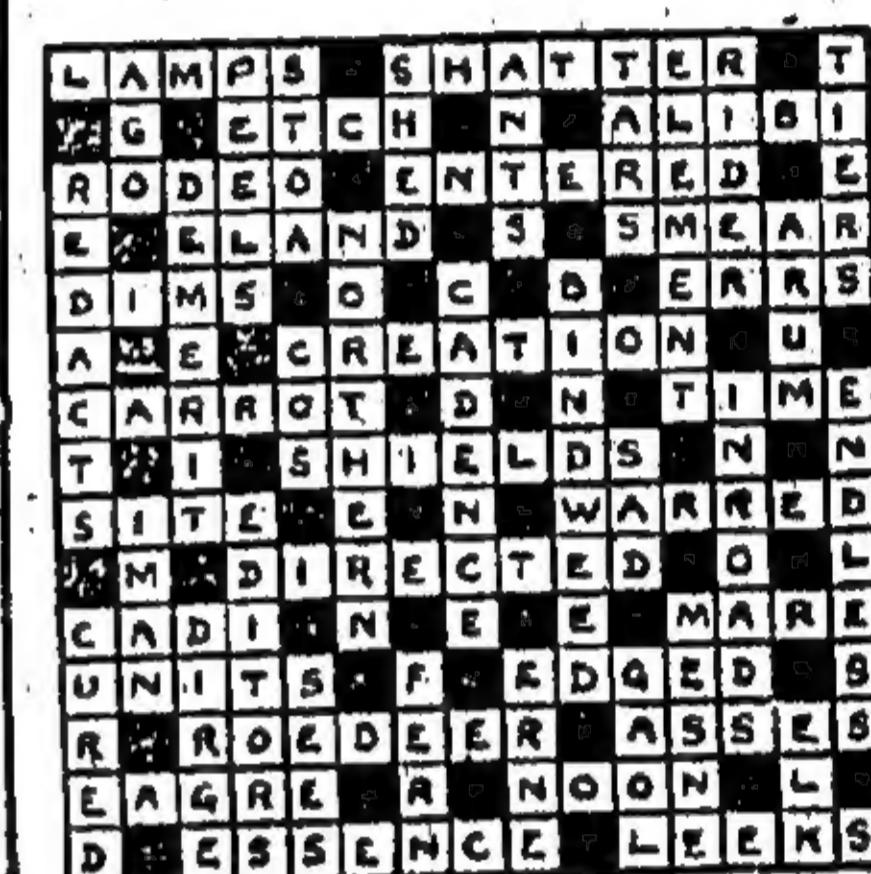
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20 Purchaser.  
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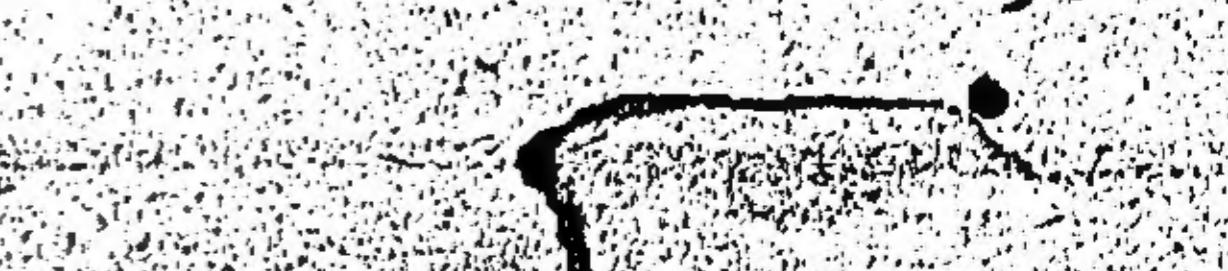
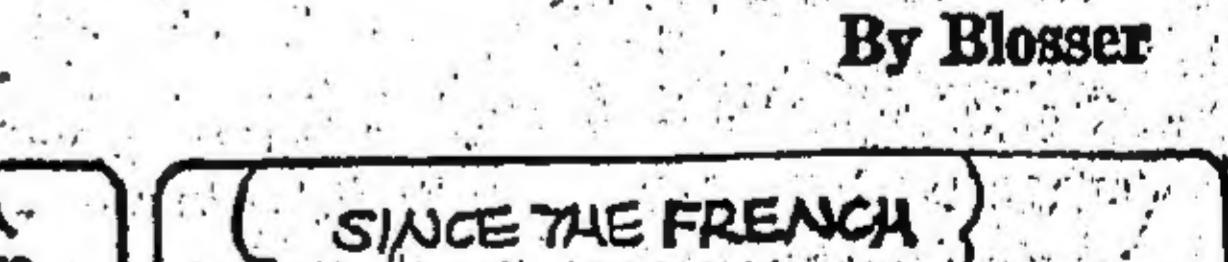
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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1928.

**RAILWAY MATTERS.**

Whilst no details have been issued from official quarters in regard to the subjects which engaged the attention of H. E. the Governor and Marshal Li Chai-sum during their conversations on Saturday morning, we understand that one of the topics discussed was the future of the railway which links this Colony with Canton. That is quite natural, as it is in this sphere that the Governments of the two places can and should work together in the closest co-operation. At present, such a harmonious relationship does exist, and its continuance is necessary for the prosperity of both sections of the line.

It is an unfortunate circumstance that the Chinese section of the railway has been allowed to deteriorate both in respect of the condition of the permanent way and of the rolling stock. This, of course, is not the fault of the present Administration, for the neglect has been apparent for very many years. It is essential, however, that attention be given to present shortcomings, so that a good and regular service be maintained. The recurring political upheavals in Canton have rendered impossible the carrying out of many of the obligations which rest on the Chinese Administration under the railway agreement with Hongkong, so that the Government here has had to come to the aid of the Chinese section. The assistance which we are able to render is, needless to say, willingly given, but eventually the Chinese authorities will have to assume greater responsibilities than they are at present discharging, in which connexion a considerable outlay on the track and rolling stock is inevitable if the railway is to play its rightful part as a link with this Colony.

The point made by the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in his recent speech that the proper maintenance of China's railways necessitates the current expenditure of a considerable portion of earned revenue applies with distinct force to the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon line. On the other hand, the section will never be able to earn all that it might until present deficiencies in service are made good.

There can be no doubt the point that if a loop line were constructed so as to link up the Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Hankow

railways, material benefits would ensue to both sections of the first-named, and, incidentally, the advantage would also be felt in connexion with any scheme for the development of the port of Whampoa. This Colony is not opposed, as many short-sighted people have imagined, to this latter project; indeed, we should welcome its being put into effect. Money is, of course, needed both for the suggested loop line and the port development scheme, but there is reason to believe that this Colony could play a part in that as in other directions. Finally, there is the larger and more important question of securing direct railway contact between Canton and Hankow. The completion of this line is long overdue. If this work were seriously taken in hand and pushed forward, the benefits which would follow, both to Canton and Hongkong, would be almost beyond estimation. It would be a huge undertaking, of course, but if Marshal Li Chai-sum and his colleagues could but make a start on the scheme, their regime would long be remembered.

**King's College Advance.**

In almost every sphere of life there is a limit beyond which bigness ceases to be desirable, but in many such cases the reason is to be found in the failure of the heart within to keep pace with the outwardly rapid growth. We can, however, greet with complete equanimity the opening, in auspicious circumstances yesterday, of the new King's College, a centre of education designed on a scale never hitherto attempted in this Colony.

It has accommodation for roughly twenty per cent. more scholars than the worthy headmaster, Mr. A. Morris, can at present claim, and there can be no shadow of doubt that the facilities at the disposal of the students, no matter what bent their mind takes, are unrivalled in the Far East, and, perhaps, even further afield. Behind the opening of King's College there is the tradition of the old Saityngpun School, with a record of nearly fifty years of useful service; pride, in the remarkable new building, combined with the fine spirit built up by Mr. and Mrs. Morris at Saityngpun, will give it a life and vigour at the outset which under any other circumstances, could not be built up overnight, or be bestowed by a headmaster's decree.

In just over twenty years, Mr. Morris, with the co-operation of his staff, has increased the usefulness of the school eighteen-fold, even as figures go a brilliant achievement, and a tribute to his determination and influence with the young people who have passed through his charge. To hear many schoolmasters and teachers "talk shop" it would appear that they have the dullest and most uninspiring job in the world; but if the headmaster of King's College had tackled his task in that attitude, it may be accepted as certain that King's College, proud as it stands to-day, would not be in existence.

The acquisition of knowledge is merely a means to an end; a sense of responsibility and knowledge of how to react to success or failure are vastly more important than thorough understanding of the binomial theorem. We have reason to believe that these precepts are well understood, at King's College, particularly when

Mr. Morris made a pointed reference to the desire for playing fields for the pupils. It is most essential that adequate facilities for play, as well as for work should be provided, and we have no doubt that due consideration to King's College claims will be given at the right time.

H. E. the Governor, remarking that King's College was entering upon a new era in its history, wished it a bright royal future of usefulness and benefice, and we cannot do better than echo those sentiments.

**EXCHANGE RATES.**

London, Mar. 5.

Paris	124
Brussels	35.01
Amsterdam	12.125
Stockholm	18.67
Oslo	18.81
Vienna	34.625
Madrid	23.305
Athens	303 1/4
Rio	5.50/04
Hongkong	2.70/4
New York	487.27/32
Geneva	25.44
Milan	32.40
Copenhagen	16.21
Prague	164/4
Helsingfors	103 1/4
Lisbon	21
Becharat	.704
Euenos Aires	47.29/32
Shanghai	2.6/15
Yokohama	11.11/15
Silver (spot)	26.3/15
Silver (forward)	23/4

British West Indies

**DAY BY DAY.**

NO LIFE BY ITSELF IS MORE THAN A BROKEN FRAGMENT.—Julia F. Deans.

Bishop Valborta left yesterday for Waichow.

The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on the 15th February, arrived at Vancouver on the 4th March.

Shoemakers in Singapore are on strike, demanding a 40 per cent. increase in wages. The strikers number about 1,400.

The a.s. Hangsung, from Tsingtau and Swatow, reports sighting a derelict and waterlogged junk off Tungsha Light Vessel.

The death occurred in London last month of Captain William Ashton, Nautical Adviser to the British India Steam Navigation Co.

Mrs. E. Ralphs is to distribute the prizes at St. Joseph's College on Monday at 5.15 p.m. Mr. A. E. Wood, the Director of Education, will preside.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kynoch, Mr. and Mrs. K. McIntyre, Mrs. A. B. Munro, Mr. C. Munro, Mr. W. H. Beatty and Commandant Pascale arrived here from Australia by the a.s. St. Albans.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Blue Funnel liner Sarpdon were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Danby, Mrs. Annett, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Rodger, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Turner, and Mr. D. S. Wyllie.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which was to have taken place on the Murray Parade Ground this evening, has been postponed, on account of the inclement weather. The date of the inspection will be announced later.

H.M.S. Vindictive which carries aircraft, has arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai and will, it is understood, be leaving for Home later in the week. H.M.S. Vindictive will be relieved by H.M.S. Cumberland, which is due here shortly from Singapore.

The balance sheet of Hin Fat and Co., Ltd., made up to the end of the Chinese year, shows that dividends have absorbed \$1,800, whilst after \$760 has been set aside depreciation of property, there is a balance on Profit and Loss Account of \$27,346.33.

The Blue Funnel liner Sarpdon, from Liverpool and Singapore, reports the death of one Japanese passenger from epilepsy en route.

The a.s. Sicistan, with 407 deck passengers from Singapore, reports the death of one Chinese male en route from beri-beri.

H.M.S. Cornflower having arrived within the boundaries of the China Station, H.M.S. Hollyhock, the a.s. Sicistan, with 407 deck passengers from Singapore, reports the death of one Chinese male en route from beri-beri.

A pair of silver vases is reported to have been lost while in transit between two silver-smith shops in the town yesterday. A fok, who was sent from the Leung Chau Kee shop at No. 4, Kui Yen Street to take delivery of the goods is further reported to be missing.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 21 departures, of which seven and 12 respectively were British, leaving 69 in harbour. British 24. Tonnage was good and freights fair, with the best return of the day made inward by a British vessel, Japanese, Norwegian and American making the next highest.

Mr. H. A. Wilbur, associate general secretary of the National Committee, Chinese Y.M.C.A. (whose office is at Shanghai) is in Hongkong to take the place temporarily of Mr. J. L. McPherson, advisory general secretary, as the latter is proceeding shortly on a year's holiday. At the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, Mr. McPherson and Mr. Wilbur were guests at dinner of the board of directors and the secretarial staff.

London, Mar. 5.

Four Americans, three of whom are alleged to be American deserters who had been arrested on a charge of highway robbery, escaped from the gaol in Ensenada but were overtaken on the Tijuana road and shot dead by a posse of Mexican officials.

Reuters American Service.

Shot Their Way Out.

Calcutta, Mar. 5.

The man shot down after escaping from gaol, are reported to have shot their way out of the prison, leaving the watchmen and two other officials wounded.

Reuters American Service.

AMERICANS SHOT.

ALLEGED DESERTERS FROM U. S. NAVY.

Calexico, Cal., Mar. 5.

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Reuters American Service.

When a woman was fined at Newtonton recently for not having a dog license, she found she had not enough money.

She promptly borrowed the necessary amount in court from the policeman who summoned her.

The "Alimony Club," composed of about 30 New York men who would rather languish behind prison walls than fulfill court decrees, has been moved to new, but now better, quarters. The old Ludlow Street gaol, which has been its headquarters for 50 years, is being torn down. Some time ago it was discovered that the "guests" were served by a staff of 22 people, including four cooks, a physician and a laundress.

The inmates were not locked in their cells except at night. They had theatrical entertainments and a radio. They had rosebushes and dovecotes in the gaol yard.

They had service comparable to that of the best hotels. They had such a good time that they gave the warden a silver cup.

By s.s. President McKinley from Manila yesterday, there arrived Captain F. M. Sharp, landing here, and Mr. E. W. Latte of the Cunard Pacific Line, bound for Seattle. Mr. Latte will be well remembered by baseball enthusiasts as the leader of the Association and Hongkong side during the season of 1928.

**PRETTY LOCAL WEDDING.**

MR. H. J. ARMSTRONG AND MISS THWAITES.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday between Miss Vera Joan Thwaites, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thwaites of 612, The Peak, and Mr. Harold John Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Armstrong. The bride's father is Oriental Auditor of the C. P. R. Co. while the bridegroom is a well-known solicitor in the firm of Messrs. Deans.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very charming dress of white satin crepe and carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations. Her bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Bowley, who wore a dress of pink georgette and carried a bouquet of pink and mauve sweet peas. The two train bearers were Miss June Dowbiggin and Master Robin Hall who were dressed in white satin. The bride's mother wore a dress of fawn georgette and lace, with a velvet picture hat to match. Mr. Hugh Jones was best man.

The service which was fully choral was conducted by the Rev. H. V. Koop.

Following the ceremony a reception attended by many friends among whom were a number of members of the legal profession, was held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong left for their honeymoon at Sank O, and to-morrow they sail for England via Canada by the Empress of Russia.

The bride's going away dress was of beige embroidered georgette with velvet hat and fur to match.

**DEATH OF MISS MARY DAVIES.****HEROIC DEED DURING GREAT WAR.**

London, Feb. 20.

The sudden death at Cannes of Miss Mary Davies, the youngest daughter of the late Sir Robert Davies, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, recalls a heroic deed of the war.

Miss Davies was working, in 1916, in an American hospital at Neuilly, as a bacteriologist under Doctor Taylor, of the Imperial Cancer Research Department, who was then investigating the cause of gas gangrene.

Dr. Taylor had reached the stage where the crucial experiment of inoculating a human being with a pure culture of bacillus became necessary.

This appeared to be impossible, but Miss Davies courageously inoculated herself and called Dr. Taylor, who promptly injected an antitoxic preparation of hydrochloride and quinine, with the result that Miss Davies was out of danger within 24 hours.

Her extraordinary self-sacrifice in taking the risk of a lingering and painful death proved the efficacy of a cure which subsequently saved thousands of lives.

**AMERICANS SHOT.**

ALLEGED DESERTERS FROM U. S. NAVY.

When a woman was fined at Newtonton recently for not having a dog license, she found she had not enough money.

She promptly borrowed the necessary amount in court from the policeman who summoned her.

The "Alimony Club," composed of about 30 New York men who would rather languish behind prison walls than fulfill court decrees, has been moved to new, but now better, quarters. The old Ludlow Street gaol, which has been its headquarters for 50 years, is being torn down. Some time ago it was discovered that the "guests" were served by a staff of 22 people, including four cooks, a physician and a laundress.

The inmates were not locked in their cells except at night. They had theatrical entertainments and a radio. They had rosebushes and dovecotes in the gaol yard.

They had service comparable to that of the best hotels. They had such a good time that they gave the warden a silver cup.

By s.s. President McKinley from Manila yesterday, there arrived Captain F. M. Sharp, landing here, and Mr. E. W. Latte of the Cunard Pacific Line, bound for Seattle. Mr. Latte will be well remembered by baseball enthusiasts as the leader of the Association and Hongkong side during the season of 1928.

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## MORTGAGE APPEAL CONTINUES.

## COUNSEL ARGUES ON MINORS' KNOWLEDGE.

## PREVIOUS BIG DEAL.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin continued his arguments on behalf of the respondents in the mortgage appeal case when the Full Court of Appeal resumed this morning.

Mr. Jenkin reminded the court that at the end of yesterday's proceedings he was reading correspondence which passed between the respective solicitors for about two months prior to the settlement. He had endeavoured, by that correspondence, to establish that the respective legal advisors were aware of the fact that three documents were to be brought into existence, an assignment, a release, and a mortgage.

It was evident that those three documents were so dependent on each other that no point could be made of the execution of one, without bringing it to the others. For all practical purposes, they might be treated as one.

The mortgagees would not advance money until they were satisfied that anyone had a title to the property. The three documents would therefore have to depend for their value legally, on the execution of all three.

Mr. Jenkin went on to say that when one investigated the nature of the settlement itself, looked at the evidence contained in the correspondence, and the evidence of solicitors, it was established that the solicitors were in consultation with their respective clients and that final drafts were passing between them.

After reading from the evidence of Mr. Davidson, Mr. Jenkin remarked a fair inference to be drawn was that when the draft documents of the suggested settlement were sent to him by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, he convened a meeting between himself and his clients at which Soong was present, and the matter was discussed.

## Must Have Understood.

Mr. Jenkin read parts of Mr. D. H. Blake's evidence after which he put it to the Court that the plaintiff, Lam, must have understood the exact nature of the settlement. It was not a very complicated matter.

Dealing with Lam's evidence, Mr. Jenkin said that at the start Lam took up the attitude that he knew nothing about it, but he was in the witness box for a long time and his evidence "tapered off a little" towards the end.

As the evidence went along he was driven to admission of much greater knowledge than professed in a letter written on his behalf.

Lam admitted he knew what the mortgage was, but denied he knew what the other documents were. Another part of Lam's evidence showed that he had received property under the same estate situated in Macao some years prior to the present settlement. Lam had handled that property himself, had mortgaged it, and had admitted that deeds had to be brought into existence in relation to it. It was not as though he went to a solicitor's office on February 10, 1925 (the date of the signing of the deeds) without any previous knowledge of the class of document which was attested, as a rule, on dealings in property.

The evidence indicated, said Mr. Jenkin, that Lam was alive to the great amount of detail connected with the settlement.

## Discovered 10 Months Later.

It was a curious thing, commented Mr. Jenkin, that although living with Wal, an elder brother, and being in touch with his younger brothers, Lam declared he had never asked anyone what the documents were, and had discovered what they were for the first time ten months later.

Counsel continued that, with regard to the release, Lam said he only saw that deed when he signed it, and he was ignorant as to its actual purport. His evidence regarding the assignment was that Soong showed him a document telling him it was the assignment; Lam handed it to his solicitors. Lam claimed that he then did not understand the position.

Mr. Jenkin argued that the plaintiff was not as ignorant as he would have the Court believe.

The case is proceeding.

A new Association, called the Northern Ireland Liberal Association, has been formed with a view to contesting the Ulster seats at the next elections for both the Imperial and the Northern Parliaments. The Belfast Telegraph hints that some of the Lloyd George Party funds are to be made available under certain conditions for fighting these seats. A circular calling further meetings in Belfast for the present week to appoint officers, asserts that the majority of the people of the North are historically and traditionally Liberal in principle.

## ROUGH SEAS ON THE PRAYA.

## UNUSUAL CONDITIONS CAUSE EXCITEMENT.

There was considerable excitement on the Praya West waterfront last evening, when ships and sampans lying at anchor, or moored at wharves, experienced unusually rough seas. Almost without warning, huge waves dashed to the wharves and the seawall, and several boats were soon in considerable distress. People on the waterfront at the time state that the conditions were most unusual.

It was ascertained this morning that the mooring lines of vessels secured at wharves snapped off, while the wharf structures were much shaken. The disturbance lasted only about three minutes, during which time considerable damage was done to sampans and junks lying inshore.

An eye-witness states that the vessels at the wharves were rolling to an angle of about 30 degrees, while sampans and junks were piled on top of each other.

The Steamboat Company's wharf at Wing Lok Street, and Connaught Road suffered damage, while other structures show the effects in a lesser degree.

It was deemed necessary last night to send the s.s. Lungshan out to anchorage off Stonecutters after the discharge of her passengers, but with better conditions prevailing this morning, she was brought into the Canton Wharf at 9 a.m.

Arrivals generally report adverse weather conditions and a number of ships were overdue at 9 o'clock this morning.

It was learned this morning that when attempting to take a line from the s.s. Sui An last night during the bad weather, a sampan got into difficulties, with the result that the master was severely injured when his craft overturned.

He was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital with a compound fracture of the left leg.

## TO MARINERS.

## HONGKONG MOORING AREAS.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the local authorities under date of yesterday:

It is hereby notified for information that from March 8th, until further notice, no vessel may anchor within the following area:

(a) Western Boundary.—The Eastern boundary of the Cable Ground between Victoria and Hong Kong.

(b) Northern Boundary.—The foreshore.

(c) Eastern Boundary.—A line drawn 210 degrees from Blackhead Point.

(d) Southern Boundary.—A line drawn parallel to and 120 yards south of the north boundary of the man of war anchorage.

Anchored Recovered.

A notice to mariners, No. 3 of 1928, is issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai under date February 28th as follows:

Notice is hereby given that an anchor with 70 fathoms of chain attached, has been recovered from the river at a point from which South East Knoll Buoy bears N. 24 W., distant one mile, and is now stored on the Whampoa Conservancy property at the mouth of Kao Chiao Creek where it may be inspected.

The anchor is a patent one, of about three tons in weight, with a mark "42 A.X." on the fluke. The chain is 2½ inch Hingley's stud link.

If on the expiry of 30 days from the date of this notice, the anchor and chain remain unclaimed, the salvage on them unpaid, they become the property of the salvors.

## AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

## NOTABLE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

## MR. STIMSON ON FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES.

## VALUE OF U.S. CONTACT.

Some striking utterances were made by Governor-General Henry L. Stimson on the occasion of his inauguration at Manila last week. In the course of his speech, Mr. Stimson said it had often seemed to him that sometimes in their insistence upon political development, they overlooked the importance of the economic foundations which must underlie it and upon which it necessarily rested. By some of them, industrial development had even been dreaded as if it were inconsistent with the liberties of the people.

## A Great Error.

"As a general proposition," said Mr. Stimson, "I believe that no greater error could be made. History shows that it has been the great commercial and industrial nations which have first developed individual liberty and free institutions and which have most tenaciously clung to them. It has shown further that within such countries as has been the middle artisan class, produced by industry and commerce, which has been the pillar and support of their free institutions."

The was learned this morning that when attempting to take a line from the s.s. Sui An last night during the bad weather, a sampan got into difficulties, with the result that the master was severely injured when his craft overturned. He was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital with a compound fracture of the left leg.

## The Danger.

"If there is danger to-day of the loss of personal freedom in these Islands, if for example the threat of the usurer overhangs any class of your citizens, it is the tillers of your rice paddies who are subject to the danger rather than the artisans of your shops and factories."

"In short it is the simple truth not only that individual freedom and the practice of self-government are found to be most prevalent and firmly held in those communities and nations which have a highly developed system of industry and commerce as a foundation, but it is also true that only in such communities and nations can the average citizen attain the degree of individual comfort, education and culture which modern civilization is coming to demand."

What Filipinos Lack.

"Is there any reason why the Filipino people should not attain such an economic development? Manifestly it lacks it to-day. Manifestly its attention during the past generation has been more concentrated upon political than economic development, with the result that progress in the latter field has not kept pace with the exceptional progress made in education and public affairs."

But the Philippine Islands to-day are possessed of a political connection with the foremost industrial nation in the world—the nation where not only has mechanical invention made the greatest advance but where the organization and

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## MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL ON SUNDAY.

## THE RESPONSE EXTREMELY GRATIFYING.

The motor cycle reliability trial, organised by the Motor Cycle Section of the H.K.Y.D.C. will be held on Sunday next, the first competitor leaving Volunteer Headquarters at 2.30 p.m., the remainder following one another at minute intervals.

All competitors have been invited to attend at the Volunteer Headquarters to-morrow night from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. when route cards and number plates will be distributed and when members of the Committee will be present to clear up any points on which competitors are doubtful.

In view of the fact that at this meeting instruction will be given with regard to the fixing of number plates it is particularly desirable that all local motor cyclists who have entered should attend.

Competitors are expected to assemble at Volunteer Headquarters at 1.45 p.m. on Sunday, though the time for the actual start is not until 2.30 p.m. During the interval, however, all machines will be subject to a brake test, conducted by the Traffic Department of the Hongkong Police Force.

Following Home practice, a competitor's steward will be in attendance before the start of the trial to whom competitors should address any questions they wish to put with regard to it.

Over fifty entrants have signified their intention of riding, the response to this first venture being very gratifying. The general public is promised something entirely new and it is expected that various parts of the route will be well lined with spectators.

During the week, points of vantage from which the trial can best be seen will be outlined. It seems certain at any rate that there will be a large crowd in Statue Square to see the riders before they start on the last lap which is being run in darkness.

There is every indication that the trial will be an unqualified success and should prove the forerunner of other similar trials, bringing Hongkong into line with almost every other place in the world where such sporting trials are held regularly.

## SMUGGLED GOODS.

## SEIZED ABOARD AMERICAN TRANSPORT.

San Francisco, Mar. 1. Customs officials seized undeclared bales of rugs, and silk, and an ascertained of liquor aboard the U.S. naval transport Chaumont, upon the arrival of the vessel here to-day from the Orient.

Customs officers boarded the transport near the Golden Gate, and with the finding of the undeclared articles, all baggage was seized for search. Even mail was opened in an effort to find clues as to the identity of the smugglers.

Two members of the crew, said to be petty officers, were questioned at length, but no charges have been filed yet.

The Chaumont, instead of docking at San Francisco, was taken to the Mare Island Navy Yard.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Viscount Willingdon, the Governor General, and Lady Willingdon, were greeted by a thousand ski-runners to-day on Gatineau Hill, North of Ottawa, after following the trails for several miles. Lady Willingdon was guided down one of the steep trails by Captain Pliske.

## RECORDS BROKEN AT FAIR.

## PRACTICAL BENEFIT TO BRITISH INDUSTRY.

## PLANS FOR FUTURE.

London, Mar. 5. Captain Hacking, the Under Secretary in the House of Commons that the result of the British Industries' Fair in London, and Birmingham, had been eminently satisfactory.

There were 256,000 square feet of exhibition space in London, and 120,000 square feet in Birmingham. Both figures beat the previous records and represented a total increase of 130,000 square feet over last year.

The attendance was also a record, being in London, 103,586, and in Birmingham, 103,000. A large amount of space had already been booked for next year.

This year's exhibition had been of real practical benefit to all sections of British industry and he was satisfied it would lead to an increase of business.

Asked if he would consider whether the Fair could not be put on a more permanent footing, and be held for a longer period, Captain Hacking replied that this was being considered.—*British Wireless*.

## CANTON'S FALLEN SOLDIERS.

## BIG MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED.

In memory of the many Canton soldiers who perished during the December Communist coup in Canton and during the recent fighting on the East River with the "Iron-sides," Marshal Li Chai-sum proposes that a big memorial service should be held at an early date.

Yesterday morning, there was a meeting of high officers of the Canton armies at the Headquarters of Marshal Li to discuss preparations for this service.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What famous Victorian writer foreshadowed the submarine?

2. Why is a miniature so called?

3. What period is necessary to acquire a title to a right of light?

4. How are these names pronounced: Home (Scottish), Abergavenny, Colquhoun?

5. What English wild flowers smell respectively of (a) mice, (b) aniseed?

6. Of what English industries are these towns the centres: Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Sheffield?

7. When was the first full moon of the New Year?

8. What is the capital of Western Australia? How long, approximately, does it take to transport mail there from London?

9. What is an "option" on property?

10. Who are the authors of the poems beginning as follows: (a) She walks in beauty; (b) Fair stood the wind for France; (c) Who is Sylvia?

11. What is the difference between "who" and "whom"?

12. What is the first recorded murder in the world's history?

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## THE WORLD OF SPORT.



### SEMI-FINALS FOR THE CUP.

### HUDDERSFIELD MEET SHEFFIELD.

### THE ARSENAL CHANCES.

London, Mar. 5.  
The draw for the semi-finals was made to-day, and resulted as follows:

Huddersfield v. Sheffield U., on the Manchester United ground, Old Trafford.

Blackburn R. v. The Arsenal, on the Leicester City ground.

The matches will be played on March 24th.—Reuter.

Yorkshire Teams Opposed.

The luck of the draw has brought the two Yorkshire clubs together, while London meets Lancashire in the Midlands.

It is a draw which will meet with general satisfaction, as both Huddersfield and Sheffield United have won the cup in recent years, Huddersfield in 1921-22, and Sheffield United in 1924-25, while the Arsenal have never had the honour, and Blackburn Rovers, after a long series of successes, have never reached the final since 1890-91.

The Arsenal reached the final last year, being defeated by Cardiff City by the only goal of the match.

Huddersfield On Top Form.

Huddersfield are now favourites for the Cup, and, although starting badly, are going very strongly for the League championship also. Their 6-1 victory against Tottenham on Saturday was the most notable success in the latter stages of the competition, and is sufficient to indicate that the side is playing at the very top of its form.

Sheffield United have come through some grim struggles in great style and will give their county rivals a good run, but it is not anticipated that Huddersfield will surrender a remarkable opportunity of equaling Aston Villa's record of winning League and Cup in the same year.

Arsenal Prospects.

Blackburn Rovers have a better League record than the Arsenal, but the latter's Cup successes have been against such formidable sides as West Bromwich Albion, Everton, Aston Villa, and, on Saturday, Stoke City. Another important factor to be borne in mind is that the Arsenal have achieved greater successes on foreign soil than their semi-finalist adversaries.

### JACK DEMPSEY WILL NOT FIGHT.

### DOES NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO RING.

New York, Mar. 5.  
Jack Dempsey, the ex-heavyweight champion of the world, who is now at Tijuana, Mexico, has intimated that he will not fight Tunney again, contrary to Tex Rickard's announcement.

Discussing the proposed match, Dempsey said: "I am through."—Reuter's American Service.

### HOME FOOTBALL.

### PRESTON GO NAP AGAINST THE FOREST.

London, Mar. 5.  
In the First Division of the English League to-day, Tottenham Hotspurs defeated Cardiff City by one goal to nil.

In the Second Division, Preston North End scored five goals against Notts Forest without response.—Reuter.

Deal, Feb. 5.—After having been aground on the northern part of the Goodwin Sands since Friday evening, the French steam trawler Cyclone refloated during a gale to-day. The Ramsgate lifeboat Prudential, which had been out for 30 hours standing by the stranded vessel, returned at 1 p.m. to-day. The Cyclone, as she came off the sandbank, nearly turned turtle.

### STOKER MORRELL WINS AGAIN.

### JUST GETS VERDICT IN SHANGHAI BOUT.

### MEETS MORRIS HERE.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$60 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 10th) set out in the coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the "Telegraph" during the weeks August 29-September 24.

### "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 10th.

#### DIVISION I.

Bolton v. Arsenal.  
Birmingham v. Sheffield U.  
Cardiff v. Leicester.

#### DIVISION II.

Chelsea v. Preston.  
Grimbsy v. Notts Forest.  
Reading v. Manchester C.

#### DIVISION III.

Luton v. Swindon.  
Norwich v. Plymouth.  
Nelson v. Lincoln.

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v. Celtic.  
Clyde v. Queen's Park.  
C'beath v. Motherwell.

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Norwich	v. Plymouth.
Nelson	v. Lincoln.
Airdrie	v. Celtic.
Clyde	v. Queen's Park.
C'beath	v. Motherwell.

### RIOTOUS CHURCH SCENES.

### FURTHER INCIDENTS IN DARWEN.

London, Feb. 20.  
Protests against the Sung Eucharist at St. Cuthbert's Church, Darwen, which for several Sundays have led to unseemly outbreaks, reached a climax yesterday.

Renewed brawling and riotous scenes occurred, in the course of which mounted and foot police were required to restore order outside the church.

Two policemen were injured.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Laura, was escorted home amid boozing. Attempts were made to attack him by a crowd of 8,000, who tried to rush the police.

The mounted police came into collision with the crowd and an ugly skirmish ensued.

Prior to this, 1,200 persons inside the church sang 38 hymns to prevent the celebration of the Sung Eucharist.

The Vicar was prevented from preaching, although he was in the pulpit for two hours. There were frequent outbursts of laughter, stamping of feet and clapping of hands from the protesters, and the National Anthem was played before his departure.

Mr. Watson: You did not find out who had the key for the lock?

Witness: I enquired.

The Captain did not tell you? No, he did not tell me.

The case was adjourned till 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

### OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

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### SHIPOWNERS PROSECUTED FOR CARRIAGE.

The hearing of the summons against the Ho! On Steamship Company of 49 Connaught Road Central on the ground that the Company as owners of the a.s. Ho! Cheung, used their ship for the carriage of 720 tacs of raw opium and 125 tacs of prepared opium, was continued at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindall, yesterday afternoon.

The master of the vessel, Chan Kai-yu, was also summoned for unlawfully using the ship for the importation, carriage and conveyance of the opium.

Mr. M. M. Watson, of Messrs. John Stokes and Master, appeared for the steamship company, while the Captain was represented by Mr. D. Owen, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennis and Bowley.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the Import and Export Office.

Interesting evidence of the discovery of the ingeniously hidden place of the drug was given by Senior Revenue Officer G. Watt, who described the visit of the search party on board the Ho! Cheung and the subsequent discovery of a concealed trapdoor within a cabin. The trapdoor led to a small hold within which an old disused tank was found. Some of the opium was discovered in the tank and some in the cabin inside a sack.

The Charter Party.

Prior to hearing the evidence of S. R. O. Watt, Mr. Holmes, addressing his Worship said that he understood that there had been considerable argument regarding the translation of the charter party and as a consequence of the translation was not yet ready, or to put it in other words, the dispute had been about the translation. He said that if Mr. Watson was going to rely on the translation he would like to see the document. Mr. Holmes added that there was a dispute as to the right rendering.

Mr. Watson informed his Worship that under the Charter Party, his clients, as owners, claimed to be able to take back the ship and it was accordingly seized. The charterers made an application in Court that the document would not bear the construction which the owners put and that therefore the ship should be released.

Mr. Watson stated that he had put his version of the correct translation of the charter party before the court translator yesterday, and he added that he hoped to get the document to-day. When he received the charter party he would be able to point out to his Worship exactly where the dispute arose.

In reply to Mr. Lindall, Mr. Holmes stated that even if the owners put in the charter party it would not be the most satisfactory one of the requirements of the Opium Ordinance, but that would not be enough.

Continuing, Mr. Holmes submitted that in the present case there was a statutory obligation imposed on the owners. If the charter party removed that obligation, it would not be a charter party at all, said Mr. Mr. Holmes, but a bill of sale.

The Evidence.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt deposed that he was one of a party of Revenue Officers who at daybreak on February 2, boarded the Ho! Cheung then lying at the Saikong Wharf, Connaught Road West following its arrival at 10 o'clock the previous night.

He proceeded down to the quarters of the crew in the forecastle, where he gave his attention to a cabin which was partitioned off on the port side. The door being locked and there being no key forthcoming, he smashed the padlock and entered the cabin.

A bunk was one of the details noted by witness, who, however, proceeded to remove a quantity of ten seed-cakes which were left on the floor; to expose a man-hole with a trapdoor which proved to be a means of communication to a small hold underneath the cabin.

A ladder led down to the floor beneath, and pursuing his search witness discovered a sack which contained seven parcels of raw opium amounting to 490 tacs, and two other parcels holding 115 tacs of prepared opium. There was also an old disused water-tank which yielded four other six parcels of raw opium weighing 230 tacs, and also another sack of prepared opium.

Method of Concealment.

Detailing the method of concealment, witness in reply to Mr. Holmes, stated that the 230 tacs was so secreted, near the top of the tank, that one could not discover it by simply looking through the opening of the tank. There was a striking resemblance in the appearance of the sacks containing the opium.

The Captain of the boat was called for, but after making an enquiry, he said he could not find the occupier of the cabin for whom witness was looking.

Later, the same day, witness again boarded the vessel with the view to having the crew arrested. The Captain did not do so, but simply said that two of the crew were missing.

Replying to Mr. Holmes, witness said there was no other access into the hold where the opium was stored except through the cabin which was built over it. He had examined the cabin to find that the woodwork was different from adjoining structure. From his experience of river steamers, witness thought that the cabin was not part of the original construction of the ship.

The room was darkened and a grain of radium placed near the diamonds, five of which lit up with a greenish light, while two remained dark, showing that they were paste.

The maps made are being presented to the Royal Geographical Society.

The nomadic tribes encountered by the travellers were invariably friendly.

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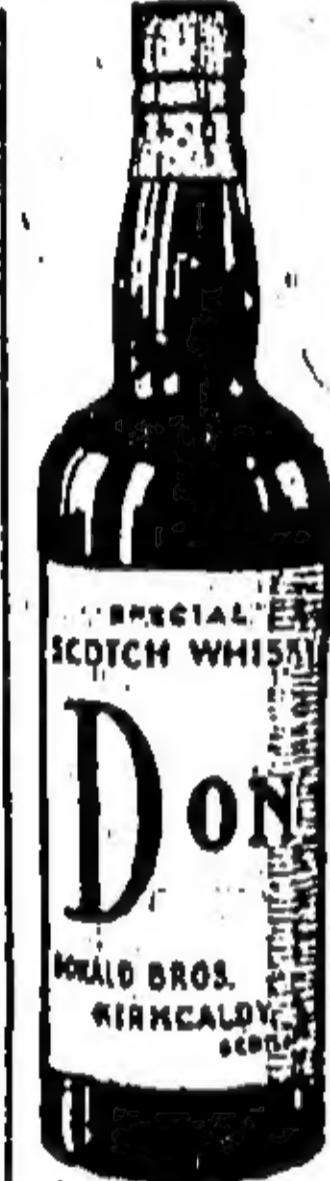
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## THE ANGLO-FRENCH SCHOOL

### LADY CLEMENTI PRESENTS PRIZES.

The annual prize distribution of St. Paul's Institution, (Anglo-French School) Causeway Bay, took place yesterday. Lady Clementi, honouring the function by giving away the prizes to the successful students for the past year.

A concert consisting of songs and items of music was given by the pupils prior to the distribution of prizes and every item called for applause. Miss M. Barrett at the piano was particularly good and other worthy efforts being recitations by Miss Edna Carroll and Miss E. Johnson.

The heads of different educational circles in the Colony were well represented and amongst those present were Mr. A. E. Wood, director of Education, Mr. E. Ralph, The Very Reverend Bishop Valtorta and Reverend F. Byrne.

The school report was read by Father Byrne who also addressed the gathering on the work done by the St. Paul's Institution during the past year.

The report of the Reverend Mother Superior for the year 1927 is as follows:

There have been no very outstanding features during the past year. The school work has gone on smoothly and the usual activities have continued in all departments. The school opened on January 7, 1927 when 240 pupils were admitted. The maximum number has been maintained and the average attendance good.

Staff.—The Staff has been strengthened by the addition of one European Sister. There are now eight qualified teachers in the school.

Inspection.—The usual annual inspection took place in November last. The discipline was reported excellent there being a distinctly good tone throughout the school.

English (both written and spoken) was good in all classes. Drawing and needlework were well done and the handwork in the Infants class called for special mention.

The Medical Reports show that the sanitary conditions of the school building and the health of the children are excellent. The school was visited during the year by Lady Clementi, and Mrs. Southorn, and these visits were greatly appreciated by the teachers and pupils.

#### University Exams.

Six seniors were presented for the University exams; and all passed; three obtaining distinction in English, two in needlework, and one in Domestic Science. Four of the Junior Class obtained Certificates, two with distinction in Biblical Knowledge, and one in French. As a result of the school examination in December the Lugard Scholarship was awarded to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, and the special Test Prize to Miss Marina Barrett.

The Very Rev. Bishop Valtorta's prizes for Biblical Knowledge and Catechism are awarded to Lily Shearer and Pauline Choa. A special prize for distinction in French at the Junior local examination is kindly presented by Monsieur Dufaure de la Prade the French Consul, to Miss Anna Brone.

The Ho Kom-tong silver Cup for progress in English in the Chinese preparatory class presented by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., has been won by Miss Theresa Li.

The Sister Anna Memorial Prize presented by the friends of the late Sister Anna has been awarded to Eugenie Tchan.

Special Prizes for the successful University Candidates have also kindly been offered by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lady Chater, and Mrs. Montague Ede.

The Reverend Mother Superior and Staff wish to thank Lady Clementi for kindly coming to distribute the prizes and also all the parents for their co-operation with us in our work of education.

They also desire to offer their sincere thanks to the donators, of special funds, and to all those who kindly contributed towards the prize fund.

#### Father Byrne's Address.

Rev. Fr. Byrne speaking of St. Paul's Institution said—

This year the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul becomes an octogenarian one in Hongkong. The first Sisters arrived in the Island on September 12, 1848, just seven years after the inauguration of the Colony. Their works have grown with its growth. A survivor of those early days would find very few landmarks of the old Hongkong, but amongst the few he would find the "lotus flower" as the people called the Sisters' head-dress, when first it blossomed on the Island. If I might permit myself a moment's colour-blindness, I would say this lotus flower is an ever-green.

Amidst the fading of old fashions and the constant changing of new

ones the head-dress at St. Paul's is still the same.

#### Noble and Unchanging Ideals.

A matter of small moment, you may say! Yea, indeed, of small moment in itself. But it is symbolic. It is a fashion of dress as the clothes are a fashion of life. The dress is unchanging, as the life and the ideals which inspire it are constant. Now if there be one thing of supreme importance in the work of an educationalist, it is that his ideals should be noble and that they should be unchanging in the inspiration of the school life. Yet any one conversant with the history of Education must admit that an unbroken record of educational consistency in the modern world of change is no small achievement. Not only each change of Government in any country, but every change of an educational Minister brings some alteration of the school programme. In most countries new methods, new ideas are associated with the names of individuals. We have all heard such names as Spencer, Herbart, Eucken, Foerster, Montessori. We have, not perhaps, realised that the link between an individual and a system is likely to be the surest guarantee of its transitory nature. So it comes to pass that outstanding educational reformers of yesterday have, to-day, found a niche in the pedagogical museum to interest the curious student of the craft.

#### Value of School.

The value of a school such as St. Paul's, is that the system of education is thoroughly sound and that, in consequence, it is not affected by the changes of the hour.

This does not mean that the subjects taught at different periods will not vary. It means that a very clear distinction exists between education and teaching. In the main the teaching programme is determined by public opinion. If parents make up their minds that the class-room should be the entrance to the chamber of commerce, they will clamour for those subjects which are most closely associated with the dollar; and book-keeping, type-writing, and shorthand will get a more honoured place than music and art.

This may be unfortunate; it is difficult to deal with, as it is caused by the social developments of the time. But the school programme should not affect the method of education. It is as important that the financier be a good citizen as that the pianist is law-abiding; but it is neither counter-point nor statistics which count them so. It is discipline, school-discipline.

In his report the Inspector says: "Discipline...Excellent. There is a distinctly good tone all through the school." Nothing could be more gratifying to the parents than words of the official report. Discipline is not a popular word with many of the rising generation. Yet discipline is essential to a perfect life. It implies an element of restraint but its function is to produce a perfectly developed human life. There may be excellent teaching in a school, followed by first class examination results; and the real work of education may be neglected, may even fail in consequence. Great stress used to be laid on the personal influence of the teacher; modern psychologists do not hesitate to write that the use of personal influence as an engine of training is a fatal and self-defeating blunder. The personal magnetism hypnotises the child, provides an artificial stimulus and, in so doing, kills the initiative which should come from self-discipline the function of genuine education.

#### Domain of Education.

Rudolf Eucken, a Professor at Jena, who died two years ago, stands out very markedly as one of the great philosophical and educational thinkers of the age.

He wrote these striking words: "The domain of education and of instruction suffers especially from the want of a capital direction and of life, from the absence of eternal truths. All our extraordinary activity, all the feverish work spent in this domain do not produce the expected fruit, because we have not got firmness of character which might serve as a touch-stone to our boasted means of improvement, . . . . We spend too much energy and time in mutual conflict without procuring one step of progress for the principal thing. Educational reform is the cry of the day, but we do not possess a philosophy of education, we have no ideal of education about this. And so we pretend to improve education without having first agreed about its end, its possibility, its conditions. There should be radical difference in education, according to the different conceptions of man, according to the different conceptions of life."

Eucken had an uphill struggle in his fight against Naturalism—the enemy of true education—and it was not until he won the Nobel prize that his fellow-countrymen were compelled to recognise his

outstanding ability. The very ideal that Eucken was fighting for is the one that has always ruled St. Paul's school. Every Sister who joins the Congregation, has to go through a course of education, which stresses these principles.

More time than she has to practice in her daily life all that is best in this self-discipline. Can it be wondered then that in the school-room she will be a good educator?

I know that I am voicing the sentiments of all present, and especially of the parents, when I express the wish that the "lotus flower" head-dress may be as familiar to Hongkong in the future, as it has been for the past eighty years, and that there may be an ever-increasing roll of pupils found to profit by the educational ideals, which it will continue to symbolise.

#### PRIZE LIST.

##### Complete List of the Winners.

###### KINDERGARTEN CLASS.

1st Class Prize: Elsa Hachuma.

2nd Class Prize: Sylvia Mak.

3rd Class Prize: Marguerite Baker.

General progress: Mabel Li, Dorothy Grimmett, Mary Suffield, Daphne Lo, Yvonne Ho, Violet Mak and June White.

###### Class VIII.

General progress: Kathleen Ho, Marie Leonard, Annie Suffield, Salma Mackay, Mary Mok, Marie Souza, Kitty Hassan, Annie Young, Zanita Hamet and Rosemary Has-

san. Good conduct and application: Helen Ho, Dolly Tsol, Pauline Trink, Nazea Nazarin and Juliet Hassan.

General application: Daisy Chut.

Good conduct, regular attendance and catechism: Florence Grimmett.

###### Class VII.

General progress: Margeena Arculli, Stella Sprinkle, Lily Sadick and Jean Stewart.

Application and needlework: Lily Chan.

Application, catechism, French and music: Laura Li and Anna Nixon.

Good conduct, regular attendance and catechism: Philomena Lau.

Good conduct and drawing: Nariya Nazarin.

The Sister Anna Memorial Prize offered by the friends of the late Sister Anna: Eugenie Tchan.

Preparatory Class for Chinese.

Progress in English: Dora Tsol, Bebe Chan, Rabina Samy, Mary Ho, Eva Li, Ethel Wong, Molly Kong, Flora Tsol, Hesta Tsol, Pansy Mak, Ruby Ma, Gertie Chan, Phyllis Chan and Nancy Ng.

3rd Class Prize: Jenny Li.

2nd Class Prize: Mianie Chan.

1st Class Prize, The Ho Kom-tong Silver Cup: Theresa Li.

###### Class VI.

Rewards for regular attendance:

Helen Grimmett, Violet Bradbury, Mary Tsol, Alice Ismail, Dora Ellis and Helen Erwin.

Application, religious knowledge and French: Josephine Choa.

Religious knowledge, needlework and French: Marguerite Kong.

General progress: Amy Suen, Grace Leung, Mary Young, Constance Wong, Lily Suffield, Grace Tsol and Edna Sprinkle.

3rd Class Prize: Doris Yuen.

2nd Class Prize: Mary Asako.

1st Class Prize and good conduct: Merit Ching.

###### Class V.

General progress: Halima Ar-  
culli, Kathleen Glover, Shirley  
Silva and Louise Chan.

Good conduct, needlework and  
drawing: Eva Liang.

Progress and drawing: Alice Chut.

English and French: Isabel McAnish.

General progress and religious  
knowledge: Julia Lee.

Progress and drawing: Ethel Tam.

English and drawing: Edna Carroll.

English, French and music:  
Gladys Grimmett.

4th Class Prize, French and  
music: Laureen Li.

3rd Class Prize, French and  
catechism: Molly Choa.

2nd Class Prize, French, music  
and religious knowledge: Katie Hirschberg.

1st Class Prize, French and religious  
knowledge: Daisy Choa.

###### Class IV.

Rewards for progress: Ruth Sun, Julia Mok and Rosa Moosden.

French: Helen Cooper.

Application and general progress:  
Iris, Trish, Nelly, Yvonne

Joyce Walker, Ruby Lee and Annie Lee.

3rd Class Prize and needlework:  
Alice Wu.

2nd Class Prize and good conduct:  
Mary Lee.

1st Class Prize, religious knowledge  
and French: Carmen Barretto.

###### Class III.

Rewards for progress: Kitty Kam, Dolly Mok, Nelly Kwan,

Rosie Mok, and Nelly Mok.

French: Lily Elias.

General progress: Nora Zimmerman.

English and religious knowledge:  
Gladys Johnson.

Drawing, French and music:  
Loreto Zapanta.

3rd Class Prize, Needlework,  
French and music: Nora Brown.

Special Test Prize, Music,  
French and drawing: Marina Barrett.

1st Class Prize, The Lugard  
Scholarship and French: Elizabeth Johnson.

Good Conduct, regular attendance  
and the Bishop's prize for religious  
knowledge: Pauline Choa.</p

# THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomery's Reputation," &amp;c.)

## SYNOPSIS:

POSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESA FEVERSHAM—niece of ELIAS FEVERSHAM, an American millionaire newspaper proprietor—who has taken a flat in London for three months. Foster's aunt, MISS CROOM, asks him to take care of a small metal dead box, with instructions to surrender it to none but herself.

## CHAPTER III.

## THE CRIME.

On the way home in the Underground, Foster Markwell asked himself what in the world the box could contain. He felt certain it was a box. And why had his aunt been so eager to get it out of her house? No doubt she had been terrified by the burglaries and expected that her own turn would come next. The most plausible explanation seemed to be that by way of anticipation, she had gathered together some of her most cherished possessions and transferred them to his safer keeping.

Having let himself into the house in Upper Baker Street, where he had stayed during previous spells ashore, he lost no time going upstairs to his bedroom on the second floor, where, having put Miss Croom's precious parcel on his chest of drawers, he thought very little more about it. His mind during these days was occupied almost exclusively by Theresa Faversham, concerning whom no shadow of a doubt had as yet occurred to him. He telephoned to Treadwell Mansion the next morning, when she promised to let him take her out to dinner to-morrow. For to-day she had an engagement.

The evening marked an epoch because it was the first on which she had consented to dance since she landed, and probably the thoughts of both went back to pleasant experience on the s.s. *Egeria*. It was later than usual when he parted from her outside the door of her flat that Thursday night, and nine had struck before he came down to breakfast on Friday morning.

A good fire was burning, and there was an agreeable savour of eggs and bacon. Mrs. Hutchings, who waited on her favourite lodgers, who person, being on the stairs, with the tray.

"Good morning Dr. Markwell," she cried, pushing open the door with her foot. "It's still foggy, though not so bad as last night."

As he answered her salutation he took the folded newspaper from the table, and the next instant was gazing at the landlady in horror.

"Law! Is anything the matter?" she asked, but he was quite incapable of replying. He was staring again at the leaded headlines—

Murder of a Lady at Haverstock Hill.

He seemed to know for a certainty, before reading the particulars, that Miss Croom must be the victim.

According to the report, the crime had been committed before half-past ten the previous night. Martha Keene, the maid, with whom the murdered woman had lived alone in the house, went out, as usual on Thursdays, at half-past four in the afternoon, and on her return at half-past ten, had seen nothing to cause the least alarm. The front door was shut and the light visible above it.

But after ringing three times and failing to obtain an answer, Martha grew anxious, and going to the gate waited there in fear and trembling until a police constable passed on his beat. He inquired whether she had tried the side door, but she declared she had been too terrified to do anything by herself.

The constable, however, lost no time in making his way along the path beside the house to the tradesmen's entrance, and there he found the scullery window open at the bottom. Getting in, he groped his way through the kitchen by the light of his lantern, going upstairs with the intention of letting the maid in at the front door.

But on reaching the hall, where the electric light was on, he stopped in horror. Miss Croom was lying on her back beneath the telephone bracket which projected from the wall between the sitting-room and dining-room doors. On the black and white chequered linoleum was a pool of blood which had evidently flowed from a wound on her temple, inflicted, apparently, by some blunt instrument, fracturing the skull, and causing in all probability instant death.

Having read every word of the newspaper report, Foster swallowed some coffee and nibbled some toast without sitting down, and within ten minutes was on his way to Haverstock Hill in a taxi. On reaching Number 5, Baynton

"Miss Croom," he explained, "must have been sitting in the room below this, and heard footsteps overhead. There's a card on the telephone bracket, with the number of the station and a doctor, and one or two tradepeople. What she meant to do, guessing there was a burglar in the house, was to ring up the police, but before she could get a grip of the receiver, he came running downstairs and gave her a blow that bashed her skull in."

"Surely," suggested Foster, "it was early in the evening for a burglary."

"Time wasn't made for thieves," said Pow. "The house had most likely been watched. It was known that the maid went out on Thursdays. Miss Croom's purse had been emptied," he added, picking it up from the dressing-table, "and if you notice, there's not a single thing left with gold on it."

Inspector Pow asked Galloway to fetch Martha, who trembled with such an extent that he told her to sit down, while he made a list of Miss Croom's small stock of jewellery: a gold watch which she had seldom worn, and generally left in her bedroom, a cameo brooch, a pair of old-fashioned ear-rings.

"And her scent-bottle," suggested Foster. "I gave it to her a year ago—cut glass with a gold lid over the stopper. Not much of a clue, is there, Inspector?" he added.

"Any number of finger-prints," said Galloway, shutting his note book with a snap.

"They would only identify a man who had already been in gaol," answered Foster.

"Most likely the one we want has been," said Pow significantly. Then he explained that the post mortem would be made during the morning, the inquest being held at two o'clock to-morrow, Saturday.

Dr. Markwell would no doubt arrange with an undertaker in the meanwhile. The Inspector presently accompanied him to the front door, afterwards entering the sitting-room, where he was joined by the sergeant.

"I picked this up just inside the scullery window," said Galloway, taking from his pocket a yellow chamois leather glove, size seven and three-quarters, made in France, and obviously almost new. "It's not been worn more than once or twice," Galloway continued. "Not quite the ordinary thing, either."

"There's something inside this finger," answered Pow, taking the glove in his hand.

Galloway, receiving it back, turned the second finger inside out, as he had already done once for his private satisfaction.

"Cotton wool," said Pow, as the sergeant displayed a wad of that material, about three-quarters of an inch in length.

"Looks as if he'd cut his finger," suggested Pow.

Galloway shook his head. "No sign of blood," he insisted. "Suppose he'd lost a finger-tip—had it off at the first joint and, being particular about appearances, put in the bit of wool so it mightn't be twigged."

"Something in that, perhaps. We'll have another word with the maid," Galloway.

Martha trembled more than ever when she was brought to the room, the Inspector having put the glove in his pocket.

"I suppose," he said, "Miss Croom didn't have many visitors?"

"No," she answered, "only the minister, Mr. Oliphant, who came to tea every two or three weeks, and Dr. Markwell, who was often away months together, and then there was Miss Ralston, a young lady as does typing. She stayed three or four months, though that was before I came, and often dropped in on Sunday afternoons."

"No one else, lately?" suggested the inspector.

"Only the young gentleman last Monday just before four. He wouldn't give his name, saying Miss Croom wouldn't know it, and she refused to see him—"

"Did she seem excited when she heard he was here?" asked Pow.

"Not more than usual, Sir. It never took much to fluster her, so to speak. When I went back to the door, and told him what Miss Croom said, he took a letter from his pocket, tore a bit off the top and wrote something on it with a lead pencil."

"Of course, you read what he wrote?"

Martha looked resentful.

"Whereby I couldn't help it," she cried. "There was only one word—"

"What was it?" demanded Pow.

"Hillyard—just the name, and as soon as Miss Croom sat eyes on it, she told me to show him in."

"Well, what happened after that?"

"Nothing," said Martha, "till maybe a quarter of an hour later, the bell rang for me to show him out."

"You heard nothing to suggest a quarrel?"

"Nothing at all," she insisted.

"And he didn't look as if he'd been quarrelling—quite the gentleman, and smiled pleasant-like as I let him out."

"Was he fair or dark?" asked the Inspector.

Martha looked as though she could not make up her mind.

"Betwixt the two," she said.

"Red, his hair was—fair, caroty

if you ask me, but the nicest looking young gentleman, all the same."

"Was he wearing gloves?" asked

## AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

(Continued from Page 7.)

thods of industry and the relations of capital and labour are more enlightened and fruitful than in any other country under the sun. Is it not the part of wisdom and of prudence for this people to absorb to the uttermost the lessons and benefits which can be derived from the teaching of such a successful practitioner?

"Have not the people of the United States sufficiently demonstrated that the maid went out on Thursdays. Miss Croom's purse had been emptied," he added, picking it up from the dressing-table, "and if you notice, there's not a single thing left with gold on it."

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## CINEMA NOTES.

## MAE MURRAY AT STAR THEATRE.

Mae Murray, dainty heroine of

"The Merry Widow" and dozens of

screen romances, has turned to

comedy in her latest picture, "Altars of Desire," in which Conway

Tearle plays opposite her in the

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"Altars of Desire" will be

screened at the Star Theatre to-

day and to-morrow.

Pola Negri Picture at The World.

From a drab boarding house to

a glittering palace abroad and

back again in a rose covered cot-

ture—this is the journey, replete

with incidents of hazard, anxiety

and happiness, that Pola Negri

takes in "The Crown of Lies,"

which is being shown at the World

Theatre to-day and to-morrow.

The direction is excellent, giving

evidence of the subtle ideas and

adroit effects for which Dimitri

Buchowetzki is known. Credit it

also to Noah Beery, villain

man who goes into the business of

"selling a queen" to his country,

the real queen having disappeared

following a revolution.

Miss Negri, of course, is the

pseudo queen. She is in reality

an immigrant girl who aspires to

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some donations to local charities.

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kindly presented her with a silk

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YESTERDAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

In the presence of a large gathering His Excellency, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., yesterday afternoon formally opened the new King's College on Caine Road, and in doing so described it as the finest school building in the Colony.

The school and visitors assembled in the Great Hall at half past two and until three o'clock, when His Excellency was timed to arrive, selections were rendered by the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Scouts and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were also present, the former being under the command of Mr. Lam Tsung, and the latter directed by Mr. Leung Sui-sang.

When Sir Cecil Clementi arrived, accompanied by Capt. A. J. W. Whyte, A.D.C., the Governor's flag was hoisted on the flag staff. His Excellency was welcomed by Mr. Morris and a large official party.

Mr. Morris handed to His Excellency the key to the main door, saying, "I have the honour to request you to unlock the main door and formally declare the building open."

In accepting the key and unlocking the door His Excellency said, "It gives me very great pleasure to open this building."

The assembly bell was then rung and the Governor entered, being followed by the visitors.

Official Party.

In addition to His Excellency, the Governor, the official party on the platform included Major General C. C. Luard, C.M.G., Mr. W. W. Hornell (Vice-Chancellor of the University), the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, the Right Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta, Sir Henry Pollock, Bishop H. Valtorta, Sir Joseph Kemp, Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, the Hon. Mr. E. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Col. J. S. Bostock, Capt. A. J. W. Whyte, Capt. Charnock, Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Professors W. J. Hinton, Finn, W. Brown, R. K. Simpson, and C. W. Wang, Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Mr. B. Whyte, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Mr. T. F. Claxton, Mr. W. C. Carrie, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Mr. A. E. Wright, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Wynne Jones, Mr. S. B. B. McDermott, Dr. J. T. Smalley, Father G. T. Byrne, Mr. A. H. Crook, Mr. Ho Kom-jong, Mr. Kwok Siu-lau, Mr. Wong Hay-tong, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, Mr. Lo Chung-kue, Mr. Li Yik-mui, Mr. Wong Ping-saun, Mr. Chan Puk-chuen, Mr. Fung Ping-shan, Mr. Li Yau-isun, Mr. Ng Wah, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. C. Y. Wang, Mr. Lai Choi-hui, Mr. Au Tai-lin, Mr. Tang Siu-kin, Mr. Ma Luk, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. Li Ping, Mr. Fung Heung-chuen, Mr. Leung Pak-yue, Mr. Chau Yuet-ting and Mr. Li Hyuan.

The Headmaster then requested His Excellency to unveil the School Shield and a portrait of the late Mr. Chan Shek-shan, the donor of the Chan Shek-shan scholarship. These two were placed on opposite sides of the platform and were concealed from

**ABDUL HAMID FILM.**

EX-SULTAN'S CHILDREN FAIL IN LAW SUIT.

Paris, Feb. 1. The thirteen children of Abdul Hamid have attempted to prevent the showing of a film called "The Iced Sultan," which they consider a libel on their father. The court refused their request on the grounds that the film in question was based on a novel, published about 20 years ago, against which the children had never protested.

The film was, the court ruled, a faithful reproduction of the book.

The advocates for the company which produced the film quoted the opinion of many noted men in support of his clients, including Gladstone, who called Abdul Hamid a "great assassin" and Anatole France who called him a "despot crazed by fear." The poem, "Abdul the Damned," by Sir William Watson, was also mentioned.

Goods not cleared by the 13th March, 1928, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th March, 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

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**GUESTS MURDER THE HOST.**

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Four motorists arrived late in the evening at the residence of a wealthy landowner at Klonko and asked for a night's lodgings as they had run out of petrol.

Two were accommodated and the other two were sent to a neighbour's house. Later, the landowner surprised his two "guests" who were armed and were breaking his safe and shot both dead.

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JUNKS.NOMINAL FINES IN THE  
MARINE COURT.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. F. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., the adjourned case against Wong So and Wong Tai, masters of cargo junks, of San On, charged respectively with carrying 849 and 600 tons of kerosene in a place other than the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, was resumed. Mr. Loseby represented both accused.

The junks were anchored off the Shamshui Po Ferry Wharf with kerosene cargoes from Chin Wan; and Mr. Loseby explained to His Worship that the junks had been engaged in this trade for many years. They were alongside a number of junks, into which the cargo was being discharged, but there was no disputing the facts of the case. The craft were approximately 500 yards southwest of the Dangerous Goods Anchorage at Laichikok, but were well away from the sea wall, while there were no other vessels in the vicinity.

It was pointed out by Mr. Loseby that had the junks been another 600 yards north west, they would have been safe, but the area was not defined by marks. When the junks were moved by the police, according to the accused' statement, they were sent back to the same "area".

Mr. Loseby also pointed out that his clients were flying not only the dangerous goods flag, but also the International Signal T-H-E, indicating that inflammable goods were being discharged. There had been no attempt at evasion. Under the circumstances, he had no alternative but to plead guilty, but hoped that His Worship would take into consideration the points raised.

His Worship remarked that the junk masters had apparently been doing their best, but they must learn where the Dangerous Goods Anchorage was. If they were without knowledge, the Junk Office would supply it. Under the circumstances he would inflict a nominal fine of \$10.

OUR DAILY TALK ON  
HEALTH.IMPORTANCE OF CARE OF  
MOUTH.

In the gradual specialization of medical science, the care of the mouth has been found to be of so much importance as to demand a special group of physicians who consider its defects primarily.

Dr. L. L. Hartman of the School of Dentistry of Columbia University has recently prepared a small manual on the teeth and the mouth which discusses in question and answer form some of the cases which most disturb the mothers of growing children.

## Removing Stains.

One of the most prominent questions is how to remove green stains on the front of the teeth. Dr. Hartman suggested that a small piece of absorbent cotton be wound on an applicator, barely moistened with tincture of iodine and applied over the stained surfaces.

A paste is now made by moistening a little powdered pumice with water and then with an orangewood stick flattened at one end this pumice paste is rubbed over the depth surfaces until the stains are removed. Any paste remaining in the mouth may be removed with cotton dipped in a solution of boric acid.

## Gum Bolts.

Gum bolts in the mouth of the child are usually the result of infected teeth and demand dental attention. The period between five and six years of age is especially important to the future health of the mouth, because at this time the first permanent molars, the four most important teeth, make their appearance.

During this period frequent visits should be made to the dentist to make sure that these teeth are properly formed.

These four teeth come into position and lock together so that they act as pillars to support the jaw. Since it is their duty to keep the jaws in proper relationship to each other while the temporary teeth are being substituted for the permanent ones, they affect the entire shape of the mouth and of the jaws.

The most common cause of discoloration of the teeth is decay. Other causes are decomposition of the pulp, bleeding, and the use of various filling materials that tend to oxidize and change their colour.

Two new travelling students, one for painters and one for sculptors, are to be offered by the City and Guilds of London Institute for competition at the South London Technical Art School.

NO MONEY FOR  
MISSIONS.U. S. CHRISTIANS' ATTITUDE  
TOWARDS CHINA.

## FAILURE OF APPEAL.

Peking, Feb. 21. The gradual change in the popular American attitude toward China's affairs from one of warm sympathy with "Nationalism" to one of contemptuous indifference lately has been revealed through a disconcerting refusal to support the most conspicuous American missionary institution in Peking. This establishment has been aggressively Pro-Nationalist and at critical times has made itself as objectionable as the National Christian Council in Shanghai and the Canton Christian College.

Some little time ago, the head of this hotbed of "sympathetic understanding" set out confidently for America to raise large sums of money both for the endowment fund and a building fund. After some months absence, a board meeting was called here, at which was read a report from the chief, in which he confessed that, in spite of his best efforts, he found it impossible "to raise a nickel."

The Chinese students of this establishment were as useful to the Red agitators as any in Peking during Feng Yu-hsiang's control of the capital and, when the anti-foreign movement took an anti-Christian turn, some of the faculty blandly announced that the school, endowed for the sole propose, so far as the contributing American Churches were aware, of propagating Christianity, might have to give up religious instruction to satisfy the budding aspirations of the students in which event they would be limited in their work as missionaries to "instruction through the example of their Christian lives."

The American Christian's present callous indifference to the fate of this mission may be traceable to a wholesome understanding of the part it complacently played in Karakhan's little uplift movement.

RUBBER CONTROL  
PROBLEM.

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to sixpence a pound, and stay at that level for twelve months. Every estate would then be producing at full capacity in a desperate effort to make ends meet, but no rubber would go out of commission. What would happen would be that the richer companies would, eventually be able to buy the weaker ones for a mere song. I am all in favour of big amalgamations in order to reduce overhead costs and so forth, but I do not believe in the method of squeezing the poor man out and then buying him up for half the proper price of his property. I am inclined to think that one result of the abolition of restriction would be a remarkable increase in the acreage of some of the prosperous companies whose directors are now agitating against the policy."

## Modifications Proposed.

"I do, however, favour certain modifications in the Stevenson scheme. With the development of reclaimed rubber the pivotal price is too high, and I think it should be reduced to 1/6 or possibly lower still. I should also like to see true standard of production arrived at and, if necessary, the minimum release brought down to fifty instead of sixty per cent. A complete overhaul of the machinery would not be necessary to get a fair standard of production, and indeed I think that that was being attained in 1926. I do not advocate a permanent policy of restriction. When we have reached a favourable position restriction should be withdrawn, but the machinery should be retained and should come into force automatically on certain things happening. Before restriction is withdrawn there should be a release of a hundred per cent. over a period of at least two quarters."

Finally Mr. Campbell expressed the opinion that the market was unduly panicky, and that the present low prices were quite unwarranted by the actual situation.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:

1. Jules Verne, in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," 2. From minimum to maximum, 3. Twenty years' uninterupted assignment, 4. Hun, Abergeen, Calcutta, 5. (a) Hindostan, (b) female, 6. Cotton, jardine, woolen, and whalebone, 7. "The Merry Widow," 8. The "Crown of Thorns," 9. "The Merry Widow," 10. "The Merry Widow," 11. William Shakespeare, 12. Abel was slain by his brother Cain.

HONGKONG POLICE  
CHANGES.INSPECTOR HUTCHINS IS  
INVALIDED OUT.

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn that Inspector Alfred ("Biddy") Hutchins, who went on leave twelve months ago, has been invalided out of the Police Force.

Inspector Hutchins, who joined the Force on December 28th, 1911, was made Sub-Inspector on August 8th, 1922, and received promotion again almost immediately before proceeding on furlough about a year ago. He was due to return last month, but after the expiration of his leave he was found medically unfit for further service and was accordingly supernumerary from the Force.

In consequence of the vacancy caused by Inspector Hutchins' retirement, Sub-Inspector Phillips, of the Kowloon City Police Station, has been promoted to Inspector, while Acting Sub-Inspector Smith, of the Kowloon Traffic Department, has received confirmation of his appointment as Sub-Inspector.

STALIN TAKES THE  
PLUNGE.FOREIGN TRADE MONOPOLY  
TO BE ABOLISHED.

The Soviet Government has stated a *Central News* message from Warsaw, made a momentous decision, which amounts to a re-orientation of one of the cardinal Bolshevik doctrines as laid down by Lenin.

Within the next few days the committee in charge of the monopoly of foreign trade will be reorganized. The State Monopoly of foreign trade will be abolished, and private concerns will, it is stated, be allowed to export and import goods.

This decision means that Stalin, faced with serious opposition owing to the exile of Trotsky and other former leaders, has capitulated to the "Neomens" (the business men who, under Lenin's new economic policy, were allowed to engage in private trade within Russia) and the well-to-do peasants.

## Surrendered Principles.

Lenin, although he allowed a certain amount of private enterprise in Russia itself, would never agree to permit foreign trade to pass out of the control of the State.

One of Trotsky's bitterest complaints against the dictatorship of Stalin was that it involved a surrender of vital Communist principles. This was indignantly denied by Stalin, but, faced by the serious financial position in which Russia finds itself, the lack of credit and the parlous state of industry and commerce, Stalin has apparently given way.

The decision of the Soviet Government will be regarded by many persons in Russia as a confession of the failure of Bolshevism and an admission of the inevitability of private enterprise.

CANTON'S PROSCRIBED  
UNIONS.PETITION FOR REOPENING  
REFUSED.

More than two hundred of the proscribed Labour Unions in Canton have appealed to Mr. Ma Chiuchun, Labour Commissioner of the Canton Government, asking that the Unions be allowed to re-open. Each of these Unions gave the same reason—namely, that it is not Communist and therefore the dissolution decree is unjust.

When the Commissioners of the Canton Political Council considered the matter on Friday, it was decided that at the present juncture it would be unwise to allow the labour Unions to function again, as the anti-Communist campaign is still not completely eradicated in Kwangtung.

THE "PRAHA" ARMS  
SHIPMENT.

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evading it and we reached Chinwangtai without trouble."

Reports that the Praha had encountered Nationalist boat and was fired upon, were denied by the men. They stated, however, that one gunboat had mistaken a small tramp for the Praha and had stopped it. They knew nothing of any firing. The Praha returned to Manilla late on Wednesday afternoon from Chinwangtai, with a cargo of bricks consigned to the Pacific Commercial Company. She will leave early on Monday morning for Saigon and will take back to Germany a cargo of rice.

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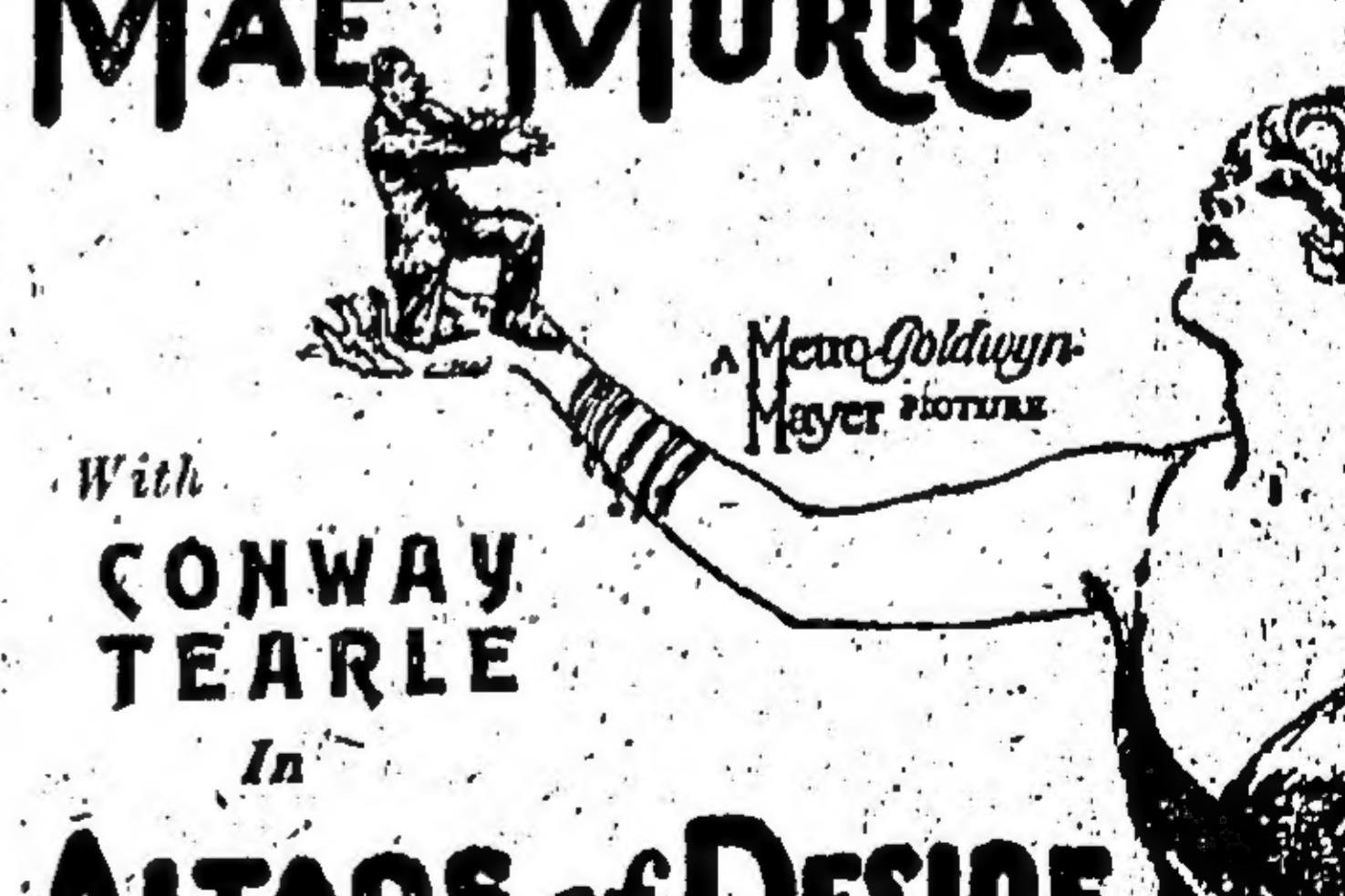
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